

Breaking Barriers

September 2023 | The Pensacola State College Foundation Newsletter

Moments that Matter

New Scholarship Funding Helps Students Fulfill Dreams



Pictured above is endowed scholarship recipient Madellyn Schmeiser

The **Vic and Vermell Wozniak Dreamland Endowed Scholarship** has supported the dreams of PSC students with nearly **\$8,000 in scholarship awards**. Thanks to a generous donation, the endowment has grown to **more than \$314,000**.

[Read more now](#)

PSC Celebrates 75 Years of Educational Excellence

On Wednesday, **September 13**, Pensacola



State College celebrated its **75th anniversary**. Several celebrations across its campuses commemorated this **special day in College history**.

[See PSC President Ed Meadows' thoughts on this special occasion](#)

Local Nonprofits Receive Training on Volunteer and Intern Management



Experts **Kendrick Doidge** of HCA Florida West Hospital, **Josh Newby** of the Council on Aging of Northwest Florida, and **Paula Shell** of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida led the nonprofit training on September 7.

[Read the rest of the story here](#)

News You Can Use

Pirate Pride Donors - Volunteers - Advocates



"...**Volunteering** for functions with PSC has given me the opportunity to **give back** to the community and support the College and its Foundation in **providing opportunities** for students in the next generation."

— Ricky Smith, President/CEO of Smith Tractor Co.

[See how Ricky gives back](#)

Heart Matters Staff & Faculty Who Give Back

"...**Anyone** can find their **place** and **succeed at Pensacola State College**."

— Mary Riker, WSRE Director of



Marketing and Communications

[Read why Mary chooses to pay it forward](#)



Events with a Mission

Celebrating Support for PSC's Greatest Needs

We are thrilled to announce that the 15th Annual Day of Clays, scheduled for October 14th at the Santa Rosa Shooting Center, is officially **SOLD OUT**. With an impressive 244 participants ready to embrace the spirit of the day, this year's event is shaping up to be nothing short of impressive.

The Day of Clays has come a long way since its inception, and it wouldn't have been possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated committee, event volunteers, and community. This remarkable one-day event, proudly presented by **TRANE**, has been a testament to the incredible impact that can be achieved when we come together for a shared cause.

Over the past 15 years, the Day of Clays has continuously surpassed expectations, not only in terms of participation but also in its capacity to make a significant difference.

We are delighted to share that, since its inception in 2009, this event has raised an astonishing **\$798,000** for our Fund for Excellence and has allowed us to meet our students, programs, and facility's greatest needs.

[Read more about this event](#)

#THANKFUL



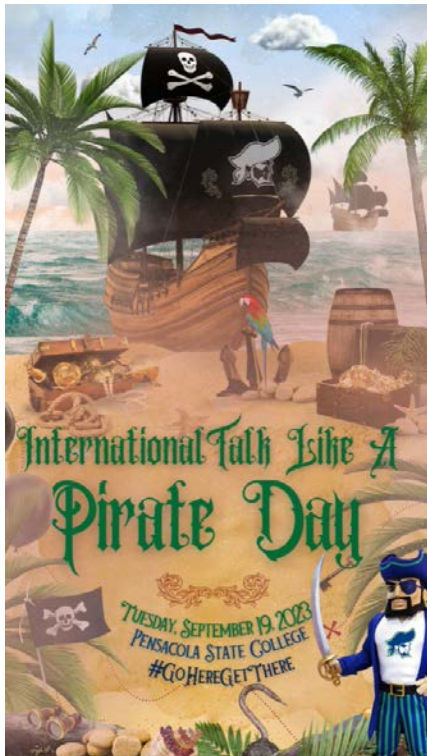
The **Pensacola State College Foundation** was chosen as one of the nonprofit grant finalists for the **IMPACT 100 Pensacola Bay Area grant**. 2023 recipients will be announced next month on **October 22**.

[Learn more about Impact 100](#)

#MonthlyWatch Capturing Candid

Pensacola State College celebrated national **Talk Like a Pirate Day** on September 19, view the link below to see some PSC Pirates share their best pirate impressions!

[Watch now](#)



Affinity Spotlight



The **PSC Culinary Arts Department** announced the opening of their **Fall culinary meal reservations** on September 11. [Click here to browse available meal times.](#)

[Join the Friends of Culinary Arts for exclusive perks and advanced notice of events!](#)

PSC Happenings



PSC student **Yana Ramos** was selected as a **2023 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar**. Ramos, a 28-year-old Bulgaria native, is one of 213 Phi Theta Kappa members selected for the award and will receive a **\$1,000 scholarship**.

[Continue reading here](#)

Register for the 2024 Nonprofit Certification Program!

Nonprofit accreditation showcases a **commitment to excellence!** Gain transparency, attract funders, and prove adherence to standards. Applications open now until January 1, 2024. Learn more using the link below.

[Read more](#) and [visit our website for instructions on how to apply!](#)

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NONPROFIT CENTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

BEGINNING JANUARY 2024

EARN YOUR CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT

The Pensacola State College Nonprofit Center for Excellence allows nonprofit organizations and professionals the opportunity to earn a certificate in nonprofit management in one year. Annually, two classes limited to the first 20 nonprofit organizations are admitted.

Nonprofit Certificates in Organizational Excellence - \$2,500
Nonprofit Core Competencies - \$500

See the schedule in the 2024 Offerings Brochure to discover more about certification. Participants attend monthly trainings (held at the PSC Nonprofit Center Annex and virtually). Consultations, mentorship and office hours are available after each training and during the course of the year to allow nonprofit leaders to ask questions tied to their individual missions and the business practices they are learning. The consultation is needed for the required self-directed study and portfolio compilation.

Interested nonprofits can apply using the QR code to the right or, by filling out a printed application and mailing it to the address listed:

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Attend required and optional training
- Have representation at all Summit workshops
- Participate in group presentation at assigned time
- Submit completed portfolio
- Attend scheduled meetings with mentor

CERTIFICATION BENEFITS

Training in Best Practices & Operational Efficiency
PSC Nonprofit Center for Excellence Membership

- 50% discount on Center offerings in 2025
- 50% discount in subsequent certifications offered
- Paid Society of Nonprofit Professionals membership
- Access to Grantstation Insider
- Paid Florida Nonprofit Alliance membership
- Access to Nonprofit Center Event Resources

Class Peers

- Develop a strong network of NPO professionals

Relationships

- Support of a Mentor, PSC Faculty and Local Consultants
- Network of community professionals offering advice in marketing, fundraising, banking, budgeting, strategy, gift vehicles, policies and board development
- Network of Trainers for hire by your organization

Resources, Materials, Templates and Links for Organizational Use

- Board, staff and volunteer orientation and onboarding resources/templates
- Fundraising, budgeting, and grant writing resources/templates
- Financial planning, budgeting, audit, policy, and reporting resources and templates
- RFP templates for auditors, fundraising consultants, services
- IRS, State, Local Legal and Accounting Guidance links

Contact the Nonprofit Center

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Join Us for the October NPC Training!

Major gifts fundraising expert **Holly Lang** of **Dini Spheris** will lead the October 5 Nonprofit Center Training: **Annual and End-of-Year Giving**. Learn how to make the most of year-

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OCTOBER 5 TRAINING
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

- ANNUAL VS. EOY FUNDRAISING
- HOW TO SECURE GIFTS IN A SEASON OF GIVING
- BUILDING YOUR CAMPAIGN GOALS

Led by Holly Lang of Dini Spheris

CONQUER YOUR END-OF-YEAR FUNDRAISING!

end gifts and master **annual fundraising!**

[Register now!](#)

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#QuoteOfTheMonth

"Since you get more joy out of **giving joy to others**, you should put a good deal of thought into the **happiness you are able to give.**"

— Eleanor Roosevelt



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