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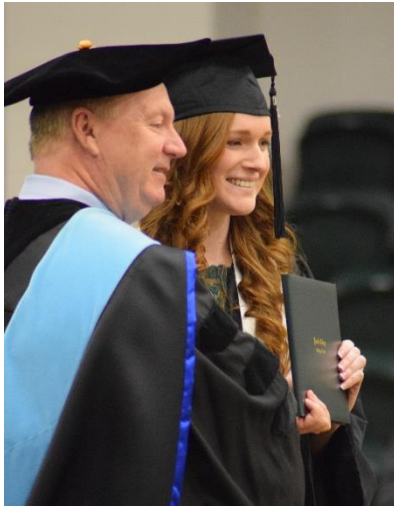
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Welcome to Panola College!

Here at Panola College we pride ourselves on individual attention and smiling faces. We are known for an environment that is academically challenging, for our caring faculty and staff, for our commitment to bringing you the highest quality instruction, and for providing you the latest technology. Completing one of our pathway degree or certificate programs will transform your life!

Why should you attend Panola College?

- Panola College is student focused.
- Panola College offers an exceptional education at an affordable price.
- Panola College graduates succeed whether their goal is to transfer to a university or enter the job market in their chosen field.

I invite you to come to Panola College for a visit. Tour our on-campus student housing. Take a stroll through the Charles C. Matthews Foundation Student Center or the state-of-the-art Health and Natural Sciences Building. Eat a meal in the dining hall or grab a coffee or a latte in Charlie's Bistro. Watch an intercollegiate ball game or a fine and performing arts production. Our students, faculty, and staff genuinely like studying and working at Panola College. Just ask them! I look forward to seeing you on campus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory S. Powell
President

ABOUT PANOLA COLLEGE

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Vision Statement

Panola College is committed to excellence in instructional programs, student services, service to the community, and leadership in economic development and cultural enrichment of the region.

Mission Statement

Panola College is dedicated to providing excellence in education. The range of educational offerings includes university transfer programs, technical and workforce programs, instruction designed to increase academic proficiencies, and continuing education to enrich lives and improve skills. Our aim is to engage students to achieve success.

History of Panola College

Like many similar institutions, Panola College was founded during the post-World War II period when returning veterans and the G.I. Bill fostered the founding of junior colleges across Texas. Its original name was Panola County Junior College.

Economic conditions in Panola County were favorable because of the recent development of a vast natural gas field. Q. M. Martin, innovative superintendent of schools in Carthage, became the driving force behind the establishment of the college. Organization began in 1947. A thirty-five-

acre tract was secured at the western edge of Carthage, the county seat, and registration was first held during a snowstorm on January 19, 1948. Shortly thereafter, opening classes were conducted in a structure pieced together from two buildings obtained from Camp Majors in Greenville at a cost of \$205. Moving expenses considerably exceeded the purchase price. The original dormitory was purchased from Camp Fannin in Tyler for \$107.50, and a quonset hut served as the first fieldhouse.

In 1948, after voters approved a \$400,000 bond, the first permanent structures soon began to be erected on the campus. The first president of Panola County Junior College was B. W. Musgraves (1947–1950). He was succeeded by Floyd Boze (1950–1951), M. P. Baker (1951–1967), Q. M. Martin (1967–1973), Dr. Charles Hays (1973–1974), Arthur Johnson (1974–1981), Dr. Gary McDaniel (1981–1992), Charles Hughes (1992–1993), Dr. William Edmonson (1993–2000), and current President Dr. Gregory S. Powell (2000–present).

The original faculty included President Musgraves and five teachers who taught five demanding class days each week and then met in conference for half a day on Saturdays.

In the spring of 1948, fifty-five charter students enrolled in the initial courses. By the next fall, the student body numbered 185. For several years, enrollment varied and even declined to 116 in 1953. In 1958 the student body exceeded 300, and the college began to grow steadily, especially after the establishment of an occupational-technical center in 1971.

In 1985, with rapid population growth in East Texas, Panola College had an enrollment of more than 1,300 students. There were 13 buildings on the main campus, including a student union, a men's dormitory, a library, science and fine arts buildings, and a large administration building. The college operated off-campus centers in Jefferson and Center. Panola College had 103 faculty members and 1,520 students in the fall of 1999.

The college has fostered two unique programs. In 1975 it became the only junior college in Texas to offer a one-year program to train forest technicians.

In 1980 it began offering a Texas History course with a trip; after twelve hours of lecture, participant's journey across Texas visiting forts, missions, museums, and numerous other sites of historic interest. Since the 1960s Spanish-language classes have been taught in Mexico, and in 1984 the school began granting credit in western civilization for travel in Europe.

Panola College confers associate degrees in the arts and sciences, associate of applied science degrees, and certificates. Panola College is accredited by **The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS)**. SACS is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Latin America, and other international sites approved by the Commission on Colleges that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees. The Commission also accepts applications from other international institutions of higher education.

During the first three years of its existence, Panola fielded a football squad and in 1949–50 the season was climaxed by the Gas Bowl game in Carthage. Some players, under the eligibility rules of that time, played all three years. In 1949–50 the Panola Ponies were champions of the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. Under the tutelage of Bill Griffin (1957-81) and former major-leaguer Jackie Davis (1981-1996), the Pony baseball team won a score of conference titles and, in 1969, a National Junior College Athletic Association national championship. Men's basketball teams have also had numerous playoff appearances. Women's basketball was begun under the direction of Coach Mary Otwell (1974–78), who won national NJCAA titles in 1977 and 1978.

Since 2000 enrollment at Panola College has grown by more than 89 percent. Today, more than 2,700 credit students and 1,400 Workforce and Continuing Education students are enrolled in one of 56 programs of study offered through Panola College.

During the regular meeting of the Panola College Board, the trustees, in a unanimous vote, approved

calling for a bond election to be held May 11, 2013. The bond passed with an overwhelming 84 percent of voters' support.

Recently completed and ongoing construction and renovation projects include the following:

- Constructed the Health and Natural Sciences Building
- Constructed Charles C. Matthews Foundation Student Center
- Renovated Arthur Johnson Gymnasium
- Renovating the Roy Monk Building
- Demolished the Phoebe Sue Perlman Building and the Fitness Center
- Added additional parking
- Added lighting
- Added directional signage

Courses Approved By

- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) (3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; 404-975-5000; www.acenursing.org)
- Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
- Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
- Board of Nursing (BON) for the State of Texas
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
- Texas Cosmetology Commission
- Texas Education Agency as an Area Vocational School
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System
- Texas Rehabilitation Commission
- Texas Workforce Commission-Veterans Education

Memberships

- American Association of Community Colleges
- American Chemical Society
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)

- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- American Library Association
- American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP)
- Association for Career and Technical Education
- Association of Higher Education and Disabilities
- Community Colleges Chief Student Affairs Administrators
- Government Financial Officers Association
- Junior College Student Personnel Association of Texas
- Instructional Technology Council
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- National Association of Biology Teachers
- National Association of College Stores
- National Association of Developmental Education (NADE)
- National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
- National College Testing Association
- National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association
- National Junior College Athletic Association
- National League for Nursing (NLN)
- National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (NOADN)
- Phi Theta Kappa International
- Region XIV Athletic Conference
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- Southwest Association of College/University Housing Officers
- Texas Administrators of Continuing Education
- Texas Association of College Technical Educators
- Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
- Texas Association of Collegiate Testing Personnel
- Texas Association of Collegiate Veterans Programs Officials
- Texas Association of Community College Business Officers
- Texas Association of Community College Foundations
- Texas Association of Community College Human Resources Professionals
- Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators
- Texas Association of Community Colleges
- Texas Association of Music Schools
- Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
- Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators (TAVNE)
- Texas College Instructional Administrators
- Texas Community College Teachers Association
- Texas Council of Academic Libraries
- Texas Educational Theatre Association
- Texas Junior College Speech Association
- Texas Junior College Speech/Theatre Association
- Texas Intercollegiate Press Association
- Texas Library Association
- Texas Music Educators Association
- TexShare Electronic Information Working Group