

Paris Junior College 100th Anniversary



Fall Commencement

Friday, December 13, 2024 Hunt Physical Education Center, Paris Junior College 2400 Clarksville Street, Paris, Texas 75460

History of the College

Paris Junior College was established in June 1924 in response to the community's need for an institution of higher learning.

The main campus of the college is located in Paris where the college began in September 1924 with 91 students.

In 1940, the campus was moved from downtown to its present tree-shaded site that includes over 20 major buildings and residence halls, providing a great atmosphere for learning.

Dr. J. R. McLemore was the first president of Paris Junior College, holding the office until retirement in 1961. Charles Clark replaced Dr. McLemore and held the office until 1963 when Frank Grimes became president. Louis B. Williams succeeded Grimes in 1967 and retired in 1983. Dennis Michaelis served as president from 1983 to 1988 when Bobby R. Walters was selected for the job. He retired in 2003 and was succeeded by Dr. Pamela Anglin, who served from that year to 2023. Dr. Jerry King served as interim president from January to May 2024, until current president, Dr. Stephen Michael Benson, took over the role.

PJC serves more than five counties in Northeast Texas and has centers in the cities of Greenville and Sulphur Springs to provide better access for all students.

PJC offers Associate of Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching, Associate of Science, and Associate of Applied Science degrees, as well as Certificates of Completion in numerous technical and vocational fields to enhance career opportunities for students.

Watchmaking (horology) and jewelry was the first vocational program added to the college curriculum in 1942. The program has expanded through the years and the jewelry program is known today as the Texas Institute of Jewelry Technology. TIJT and the horology program attract students worldwide to study the art of jewelry making, gemology, and watchmaking.

Paris Junior College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award associate degrees. Questions about the accreditation of Paris Junior College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on SAC-SCOC's website (www.sacscoc.org).

PJC is also approved and accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Additionally, the allied health specialized programs are accredited by their affiliate associations. A complete list of affiliations for all programs can be found at www.parisjc. edu. The college also offers a comprehensive selection of continuing education courses and specialized training for area business and industry.

The Academic Procession

In colleges and universities, academic degrees are conferred at commencement exercises. Originally the term meant the inception of the student graduate as a teacher and his recognition as such by his master and other members of the profession. Thus, the term once marked an actual beginning.

The processional and recessional of students and faculty dressed in academic regalia is a traditional part of these commencement exercises. This history of academic dress goes back to the medieval universities. In the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form, they were under the jurisdiction of the church. Those studying wore a habit or cloak to which was attached a cowl or hood which could be pulled up over the head or thrown back, according to the weather conditions. Later, the gown served the dual purpose of providing warmth in the unheated halls as well as uniformity of dress.

The hood seems to have had three uses: a covering, a shoulder cape and a bag for collecting alms. It is believed that when large wings were worn, the cape part of the hood was cut open in front and the entire garment, cap and hood, proper, was allowed to fall back, producing approximately the effect seen today. After wings went out of fashion, the original shape was not restored. The master's hood is longer than the bachelor's and the doctor's longer than the master's.

Gowns commonly worn in the colleges and universities of this country have pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree, long closed sleeves (with a slit for the arm) for the master's degree, and bell shaped open sleeves for the doctor's degree. The master's and bachelor's gowns have no trimming. The gown for the doctor's degree is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves, or these facings and cross bars may be velvet of the color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

The cap, an essential part of academic dress, is to be retained on the head throughout all academic exercises except during prayer. In particular, the cap is not to be removed at any point in the conferment of the degree.

All hoods are lined with silk showing the official colors of the institution which conferred the degree, and all are trimmed in specified widths with velvet signifying the degree as follows:

Agriculture	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities	White
Commerce, Accountancy, Business	(Drab) Nugget
Dentistry	Lilac
Economics	Copper
Education	Light Blue
Engineering	Orange
Fine Arts, including Architecture.	Brown
Forestry	Russet
Home Economics	
Journalism	Crimson
Kinesiology	Sage Green
Library Science	Lemon
Medicine	Green

Music	Pink
Nursing	Apricot
Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Public Administration,	Peacock Blue
including Foreign Service	
Public Health	Salmon Pink
Science	Golden Yellow
Social Science	Citron
Theology	Scarlet
Veterinary Science	Gray
Law	

AGENDA

Fall Workforce Education Commencement

1:00 p.m., Friday, December 13, 2024

Processional Pomp & Circumstance
National Anthem Dr. Michael Holderer
Invocation
Greetings and Introductions
Graduate Address
Recognition of Honor Graduates
Certification of Graduates
Presentation of Diplomas
Alumni and Friends Association Welcome Mr. Allen Williams President, Alumni and Friends Association
Closing Remarks

Recessional

Fall 2025 Prospective Workforce Graduates

Spring and fall graduates with a grade point average of 3.50-4.00 will be recognized. These students must be receiving an associate degree and must complete 30 hours at Paris Junior College. LEGEND: * Phi Theta Kappa honor society member, 8 Military Veteran

Associate of Applied Science

Emma Claire Adams | Nursing, AD, Honors

Jordan Martine Barber | Radiology

Krista Kaylynn Bass | Nursing, AD

Elizabeth Diann Boyett | Office Information Specialist

Emalee Renee Bratcher | Nursing, AD

Shenita Brookins | Nursing, AD, Honors

Abram Daniel Brown | Mechatronics

Bayleigh Bruton | Nursing, AD

Julio A. Casablanca | Horology Technology, Honors

Jennifer Ann Casey | Radiology

Makina Shea Cass | Surgical Technology, Honors

Isaac Castillo Rojas | Nursing, AD

Haley Copeland | Radiology, Honors *

Baylee Covington | Nursing, AD, Honors

Jenna Janay Creed | Nursing, AD

Richard Cutshall | Cyber Security 8

Arianna Dangerfield | Emergency Medical Services

Halle Darst | Radiology, Honors

Cameron David Davis | Air Conditioning and

Refrigeration, Honors

Emma Doyal | Radiology, Honors

Tylen Draper | Cyber Security

Landin Nelson Dugnolle | Welding Technology

Lauryn Shaelyn Dunlap | Nursing, AD

Toya Jean Dyess | Computer Aided Design (Drafting)

Highest Honors

Justin Wade Eudy | Nursing, AD, Honors

Kelsey Nicole Evans | Nursing, AD

Erica Nicole Flanery | Nursing, AD

Shelbee Foster | Nursing, AD, Honors

Dustin Blake Franklin | Emergency Medical Services

Veronica Froese | Nursing, AD, Honors

Crystal Jean Fuller | Nursing, AD

Jack Geren III | Networking, Honors

Katie Celeste Gornto | Surgical Technology

Isabella Gutierrez | Surgical Technology

Adam Healey | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration,

Decker Hendricksmeyer | Cyber Security, Honors *

Leticia Hernandez | Nursing, AD

Deanna A Holladay | Nursing, AD, Honors

Linda Howington | Nursing, AD

Hope Ingram | Nursing, AD, Honors *

Andrea N. Jackson | Surgical Technology

Coreion Keith Jeffrey | Nursing, AD

Danielle Austin Johnson | Jewelry Technology

Scottie Logan Johnson | Emergency Medical Services 8

Emily Johnston | Nursing, AD

Ashlyn Jones | Nursing, AD

Clifton H. Jones | Welding Highest Honors

Krystal Jones | Nursing, AD

Lainy Jones | Nursing, AD, Honors *

Kelsey Jordan | Radiology

Serrick Nakadian lee | Cyber Security, Honors *

Michael Wayne Lick | Nursing, AD

Nathan Lofton | Cyber Security, Honors *

Raelynn Briann Lopez | Radiology

Zachary Joseph Lynch | Jewelry Technology

Michelle Macek-Brown | Nursing, AD, Honors

Sharon Ann Maloney | Jewelry Technology

Brenda Martinez | Nursing, AD

Krystal R Martinez | Nursing, AD, Honors

Crystal Matthews | Nursing, AD

Khena Lane McAllister | Nursing, AD, Honors

Trentin McKinney | Welding Technology, Honors

Kameron Melancon | Nursing, AD, Honors *

Micah Daniel Minjarez | Horology Technology 8

Jessica Monroy | Business Management

Natalie Monto | Radiology Highest Honors

Alma Rosa Morris | Nursing, AD

Nicholas Grant Niemirowski | Welding Technology

Highest Honors

Jocelyn Ochoa | Nursing, AD

Steven Olvera | Nursing, AD

Emily Jo Orren | Nursing, AD

Armando Felipe Osornio | Air Conditioning and Re-

frigeration, Honors

Courtney Jaye Outland | Nursing, AD

Tanner Cade Oxford | Radiology Highest Honors

Haley Deborah Lorraine Parella | Emergency Medical

Services

Lucas Pinson | Nursing, AD

Logan RaeAnn Pradarits | Radiology, Honors

Azucena Victoria Ramirez | Nursing, AD

Yessenia Ramirez Hernandez | Nursing, AD, Honors

Caitlyn Bre Ray | Nursing, AD

Heather Reed Nursing, AD, Honors

Andrea Teresa Rico-Velazquez | Nursing, AD

Daniel Roach | Nursing, AD 8

Tami Roberts | Nursing, AD, Honors *

Bailee Beth Rohleder | Nursing, AD

Brian Ross | Networking, Honors

Bella C Saldivar | Nursing, AD, Honors

Frances Dioan Scales | Nursing, AD, Honors

Joshua Scott | Horology Technology Highest Honors

Emily Michelle Smith | Radiology, Honors Derik Spangler | Nursing, AD Rylee RayAnn Stephens | Radiology Jordan Brooke Thomas | Nursing, AD Allison Vawn Todd | Nursing, AD Maddison Toland | Nursing, AD, Honors Shelbie Lynn Villalpando | Nursing, AD Shelby Lauren Vorwerk | Nursing, AD, Honors Corbin Michael Waldroup | Nursing, AD Kenzley Suzanne Waldroup | Nursing, AD Cyd Walter | Horology Technology Sarah Louise Westerfield | Nursing, AD, Honors Sarah White | Surgical Technology, Honors Allison Ladd Whitley | Nursing, AD, Honors * Rickerius Williams | Nursing, AD Amanda Pauline Wood | Nursing, AD Brittney Worden | Nursing, AD Alyssa Wright | Radiology

Certificate of Completion

Cesar Aguado | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Emma Lea Allen | Computer Aided Manufacturing (Jewelry), Jewelry Technology

Chance Allensworth | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Edwin Alvarez | Structural Steel Welding Emily A. Anders | CISCO C-Tech, Computer Network Technician

Angel Arriaga | Structural Steel Welding Yahir Avalos | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Tahnee Payne Barbee | Computer Aided Manufacturing (Jewelry)

Justin Bendzinski | Computer Aided Manufacturing (Jewelry)

Joseph N. Birnbaum | Pipe Welding Cortrevious Booker | Structural Steel Welding Anna L. Brodnick | Gemology

Joshua M. Bruce | Structural Steel Welding

Braden Burney | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Gail Casey | Medical Office Mgmt and Billing

Ricardo Chavarria | Air Conditioning Installer Mica Robert Christy | Emergency Medical Services Gabriele R. Cody | Medical Records Coding Logan Mathis Cordes | Structural Steel Welding Riley Cregg | Emergency Medical Services Mariano Cuarenta, Jr. | Advanced Welding Shop

Technology Mariano Cuarenta Jr. | Pipe Welding

Cameron David Davis | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

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Christian Dockins | Structural Steel Welding Tylen Draper | Cyber Security

Richard Kasey Dryer | Gemology, Jewelry Technology Donovan Duarte | Structural Steel Welding

Logan Duke | Structural Steel Welding

Dharmanie Dunn | Emergency Medical Services

Toya Jean Dyess | CAD Specialist (Drafting), CAD Technician (Drafting)

Eric Ross Ewing | Emergency Medical Services Peter Nathan Farrow | Fine Mechanical Watch Repair Marquise Sidarious Ford | Pipe Welding Jackson Friddle | Pipe Welding

Steven Garcia, Jr. | Gemology, Jewelry Technology Cy Garrison | Structural Steel Welding

Trevor Colt Gilliam | Emergency Medical Technician - Advanced

Joshua Matthew Gillispie | Pipe Welding Joshua Matthew Gillispie | Structural Steel Welding Jodi Gosnell | Emergency Medical Services

Agnieszka Helena Granowski | Computer Aided Manufacturing (Jewelry)

Tobias Hackney | Pipe Welding

Kobe Harmon | Structural Steel Welding

Alexander J. Hatheway | Fine Mechanical Watch Repair, Horology

Adam Healey | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Luis Duran Hernandez | Advanced Welding Shop Technology

Luis Duran Hernandez \mid Pipe Welding

Dusty Hines | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Installer

Ieean H. Honsinger | Structural Steel Welding Preston Hooks | Structural Steel Welding Aaron Jackson | Structural Steel Welding

Cole Jackson | Pipe Welding

Bradley Allan Jaeger | CAD Technician (Drafting)
Donnie Ray Johnson | Structural Steel Welding

Jaden H. Johnson | Structural Steel Welding Scottie Logan Johnson | Emergency Medical

Technician - Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician - Basic, Emergency Medical

Technician - Paramedic 🖔

Cole Christian Julian | Structural Steel Welding Dana Sue Kerr | Repair Technician

Michael Knight | Structural Steel Welding

Keaston Jagar Lawrence | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Sarah Alizabeth Sager | Structural Steel Welding Cynthia K. Lundholm | Computer Aided Manufacturing (Jewelry)

Zachary Joseph Lynch | Gemology

Silvia Maldonado Juarez | Emergency Medical Services

Sharon Ann Maloney | Jewelry Technology Christopher Martinez | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Jon Wesley Matthews | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Fisher McCoy | Structural Steel Welding Johnathan Mederos | Structural Steel Welding Jonathan Merritt | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Jose Luis Mijares, Jr | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Micah Daniel Minjarez | Fine Mechanical Watch Repair, Horology

James A. Morales | Structural Steel Welding
Hunter Moreland | Structural Steel Welding
Emily Mouser | Emergency Medical Services
jonathan aguillon munoz | Structural Steel Welding
Jack Nichols | Structural Steel Welding
Braxton Kyle Northcutt | Pipe Welding *
Kaitlyn Novak | Gemology
Winter Gaze Oakes | Structural Steel Welding
Miguel Bryan Ochoa | Emergency Medical Services &
Armando Felipe Osornio | Air Conditioning and
Refrigeration *

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Sebastian Jesus Padilla Zamudio | Gemology Haley Deborah Lorraine Parella | Emergency Medical Technician - Advanced, Emergency Medical Technician - Basic, Emergency Medical Technician - Paramedic

James Levi Pinson | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Rhett Austin Powell | Structural Steel Welding Aliana Mariel Pugh | Medical Records Coding William David Purviance | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Keegan Thomas Rees | Advanced Welding Shop Technology

Keegan Thomas Rees | Pipe Welding

Justin Rice | Fine Mechanical Watch Repair

Justin Rice | Horology

Darmarcus Damonte Robinson | Structural Steel Welding

Caleb Elliott Rouser | Structural Steel Welding Beaux Daniel Ruff | Structural Steel Welding Javier Michael Salazar | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration

Levi Thomas Sanders | Structural Steel Welding
Sa'Niya Nykole Scales | Emergency Medical Services
Aiden Caine Schafft | Pipe Welding
Aiden Caine Schafft | Structural Steel Welding
Jennifer Smith | Medical Office Management and
Billing, Medical Records Coding

Nicholas Smith | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Mechatronics

Jeremy Snyder | Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
Logan Stowell | Emergency Medical Services
Alexis Suffo Munoz | Structural Steel Welding
Briar Cade Thomas | Structural Steel Welding
Caden Rayshawn Thompson | Structural Steel Welding
Erick Torres | Structural Steel Welding
Hayshus Tucker | Pipe Welding, Production Welding
Dominique Turner | Structural Steel Welding
Yordy Vazquez | Pipe Welding
Cyd Walter | Fine Mechanical Watch Repair
Mary Warren | Gemology, Repair Technician
Jill DeAnn Wickersham | Emergency Medical Services
Arron Glynn Williams, Jr. | Structural Steel Welding
Jestin Wright | Structural Steel Welding

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Associate of Applied Science

Janet Eliza Alkire | Psychology
Megan Anderton | Sociology
Erica Shantea Barber | Fine Arts, Honors
Amanda Angell Blouin | Fine Arts
Mason Booth | Political Science
Savanna Bradford | Psychology
Lindsey Burns | Psychology
Cameron Davis | English, Highest Honors
Clara Annabelle Fuller | Multidisciplinary Studies,
Honors

Nevaeh Harwell | Sociology
Avvanov Izza | Psychology, Honors
Emilee Jenkins | Psychology
Jocalyn Leija | Political Science
Jason Allen Miller | Psychology *
Timothy Nabors | Fine Arts
Daniela Ortega-Luna | English
Kelleigh Parenti | Sociology
Rebecca Patterson | Psychology
Melanie Marie Quinones | Sociology
Casey William Reiniche | Music, Honors
Alhana Ault, Fine Arts | Honors
Mallory Grace Sikes | Psychology
Rhe Lee Young, Fine Arts | Highest Honors \$
Molly Annette Wilkins | Psychology

Associate of Arts in Teaching

Irma J. Chesson, Education | Early Childhood, Highest Honors

Deisy Noemi De Leon Lopez | Education, Early Childhood

TaKara Galloway, Education | Honors Sharnice M. Green | Education / General Studies Cayla Kimbrell | Education, Early Childhood Ashjwanae Evette Mickens | Education, Early Childhood

Sarah Rebekah Padilla | Education, Early Childhood Suzette Teresa Ruiz | Education, Early Childhood * Frankie Lee Coldren | Education, Early Childhood * Sydney C. Shiver | Education, Early Childhood Allison Smith | Education, Early Childhood

Associate of Science

Jamie Lynn Abbott | Accounting, Highest Honors Samantha Abbott | Allied Health, Honors Brooklyn Olivia Atnip | Multidisciplinary Studies Sarai Ayala | Allied Health Taylor Anne Bass | Accounting / General Studies Kacie Elaine Bates | Multidisciplinary Studies Jamie Elizabeth Bolton | Allied Health Metz Autry Branch | Allied Health Katelin G. Brannan | Allied Health, Honors * Jaelyn Brooks | Multidisciplinary Studies, Honors Javanna Aliyah Calhoun | Allied Health Camron Carter | ccounting/Business Administration, Honors Priscila Almanzan Castro | Biology Kevin Chavez | Accounting/Business Administration, **Highest Honors** Baily Nichole Clark | Allied Health Austin Cook | Criminal Justice Anahy Cruz | Criminal Justice Mary Beth Cruz | Allied Health Justin Darrell Daughtrey | Multidisciplinary Studies Courtney Kaye DeJarneatt | Allied Health Idcell Delgado | Multidisciplinary Studies Maddison Jane Dorner | Accounting/Business Administration, Honors Edwin Isaias Enriquez | Allied Health, Honors Chloe Deeanna Evans | Allied Health Amanda Blanch Fabian | Allied Health, Honors & Haley Nicole Ferrell | Accounting/Business Administration, Honors Dorien Kane Forbus | Accounting/Business Administration * Darrell G Franklin, Jr. | Kinesiology Katelynn Garrison | Allied Health Iada Goodson | Allied Health Dalton James Griffis | Accounting/Business Administration, Honors Bonnie LaNell Guenther | Kinesiology Ashton Rayne Halcomb | Allied Health Joshua Henderson | Accounting/Business Administration * Max Hinkle | Accounting/Business Administration McKenzie Hively | Kinesiology, Honors * Slade James Hood | Accounting/Business Administration Julio Eduardo Interiano | Accounting/Business Administration Alexis Jackson | Multidisciplinary Studies Jarred Jackson | Criminal Justice Harold Jalen Johnson | Multidisciplinary Studies Mariah Nicole Johnson | Kinesiology Matthew Johnson | Computer and Information System Kayla Mariah Lee Jones | Allied Health, Honors Kole F. Kretzer | Kinesiology Madison Kay Lawson | Agriculture Martin Leija | Accounting Christopher J. Lindsey | Multidisciplinary Studies Nathan Lofton | Computer and Information System, Honors *

Traniece Lanee Bizzell | Biology, Highest Honors

Latona Elaine Long | Accounting/Business Administration

Juan Carlos Lopez | Accounting

Eden Alain Lumbreras | Accounting/Business Administration

Sabrina Anette Maldonado | Biology

Salus Mason | General Studies

Alexxis Mayes | Business and Management

Aaron McCleskey | Criminal Justice

Trentin McKinney | General Studies, Honors

Lindsay Brooke Mead | Allied Health, Honors

Dana Jazmin Medina | Accounting

Rebecca Melton | Allied Health

Mariela Morales | Allied Health

Lindsay R. Moss | Multidisciplinary Studies

Lily Spring Neargarder | Multidisciplinary Studies

Jaymie Mishael Northcutt | Accounting/Business

Administration

Jennifer O'Grady | Accounting/Business Administration

Gabriel Alejandro Paulin | Criminal Justice

Angelina Giselle Peralez | Multidisciplinary Studies *

Thuy Phuong Nhi Pham | Multidisciplinary Studies, Highest Honors

Andrea Prewett | Allied Health 8

LaShell Price | General Studies

Noel Israel Ramirez | Engineering

Casey William Reiniche | Accounting, Honors

Belicia Luz Maria Quintessa Rios | Allied Health Osvaldo Jesus Rodriguez | Accounting, Highest Honors *

Brooklynn Rene Shelton | Accounting/Business Administration

Madison Dawn Shires | Kinesiology

Shelbie Simpson | Multidisciplinary Studies

Shilyn D. Solis | Agriculture

Jace Upton Starling | Multidisciplinary Studies, Highest Honors *

Ariah Still | Multidisciplinary Studies, Honors

Madison N. Sullivan | Allied Health

Vanessa Victoria Tellez | Kinesiology

Darrick Thiessen | Accounting/Business

Administration, Honors

Taylor Thomas | Allied Health

Tamara Thompson | Accounting

Keyoncia Waller | Allied Health

Taylor Wallis | Multidisciplinary Studies,

Highest Honors

Veronica Walter | Allied Health

Madison Walters | Multidisciplinary Studies

Allison M. Warren | Allied Health, Highest Honors

Tori Renea Wells | Allied Health

Cynthia D. Wilson | Multidisciplinary Studies

Julie Zeringue | Accounting/Business

Administration, Honors



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