



Proclamation No. P23- 007
50th Anniversary of Pasco-Hernando State College

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE provides quality, cost-effective higher education, and workforce training to more than 15,000 students annually; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE employs more than 500 full-time and permanent employees and 300 adjunct part-time faculty and staff, distinguishing the College as among the largest employers in the district; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE has provided degrees and certificates to more than 57,000 graduates, the majority of them employed and reside within the district; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE strategically partners with local industry and manufacturers, provides career, technical and workforce training in higher paying, in-demand fields, and offers opportunities via rapid credentialing, apprenticeship, and entrepreneurship programs for ecosystem-building locally, regionally, and statewide; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE offers in-person, hybrid, and online classes as well as fully online degrees and certificates, allowing students flexible options to earn credentials conveniently and cost-effectively; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE credentials transfer to partner universities and colleges, including the Associates in Arts Degree, that transfers to the State University System, allowing students to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree locally and cost-effectively; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE offers bachelor's degrees, including the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Applied Science Supervision and Management with five concentrations; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE provides arts education in dance, theatre, music, and digital multimedia, offered at the award-winning Instructional Performing Arts Center, a new \$18 million facility located in Wesley Chapel; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE in collaboration with Pasco and Hernando County Schools, provides high school students with the opportunity to earn college credits at no charge through dual education articulation agreement and early college programs; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE receives \$1.2 million in funds annually for scholarships, academic and program support, provided by the PHSC Foundation and awards \$42 million in financial aid annually; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE supports seven intercollegiate athletic teams including men's baseball, basketball and cross country, and women's cross country, soccer, softball and volleyball; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE offers students numerous opportunities to participate in over 50 clubs, organizations, and intramural activities to enhance social and leadership skills; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE engages faculty, staff, students, and district residents in programs that address community social issues, including mental illness, addiction, suicide, incarceration, human trafficking, equity and LGBTQIA-concerns; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE introduces underserved populations to the value of higher education and workforce training, providing free academic services to support completion of degrees and certificates; and

WHEREAS, PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE established in 1972, celebrates 50 years of services to the district, providing numerous academic and career opportunities to graduates, contributing an estimated \$450 million to the local economy, and building stronger, better educated, economically-sound and more vibrant communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HERNANDO COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Hernando County School Board hereby recognizes and congratulates **PASCO_HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE** upon the occasion of its **50th Anniversary**.

SECTION 2. The Hernando County School Board hereby urges all Hernando County citizens to join in recognizing the tremendous influence that **PASCO-HERNANDO STATE COLLEGE** has had since opening and giving easy access to the residents and the opportunity to pursue and enjoy higher education, continuing education, and training thus improving our quality of life.

ADOPTED at the regular session of the School Board meeting held on this 28th day of February 2023.

Gus Guadagnino
Board Chair

John Stratton
Superintendent