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**College’s first 5K race benefits PCC Foundation**

Participants of Piedmont Community College’s first student-led 5K run/walk on May 7 enjoyed perfect spring weather and lots of fun while making a positive contribution to the PCC Foundation. The event, whose participants’ ages ranged from three months to 73 years, garnered over $1,700 for the Foundation to be used for student scholarships.

“This was a wonderful event,” said Elizabeth Townsend, Executive Director, PCC Foundation. “The students took ownership of all aspects with minimal guidance from faculty and staff. They should be proud of their accomplishments, proud of the number of participants, and proud of the funds raised.”

Through PCC’s newly-organized Student Activities Council, the students came up with the idea for the 5K race as a way to help other students by increasing PCC Foundation funds for scholarships. The theme for the event was “Students Helping Students.”

“The students have really made a difference, and I hope they will continue to not only host this fundraiser for the PCC Foundation, but continue to give back to the community in their personal and professional lives in the future,” said Townsend.

The event concluded with the presentation of medals. Adult winners included the following:
Race Results (listed in order of finish)

Male overall finishers
Richard Ferguson, M. Brandon Vernon, Joey Sanders

Female overall finishers
Beth Cates, Cindi Jacobs, Shannon Pointer

Male Master’s finishers (40+ group)
Richard Ferguson, Paul Phillips, Mike Dossett

Female Master’s finishers (40+ group)
Cindi Jacobs, Jodie Johnson, Sandra Woodland

Male Young Guns finishers (40 and under)
M. Brandon Vernon, Joey Sanders, L.J. Sampson

Female Young Guns finishers (40 and under):
Beth Cates, Shannon Pointer, Melissa Landry