



A note from the President

Pueblo Community College is your community college. As such, we take our role in higher education very seriously.

We are pleased to provide you with this publication of the **PCC 2016 Quality Highlights**, which is, in essence, an accountability report to our community constituents. It is intended to update you about the continuous, systematic and measurable quality improvements that have been realized at PCC over the past academic year.

Pueblo Community College is a comprehensive community college dedicated to providing the highest educational standards to a diverse population of students in Pueblo, Cañon City and the Southwest corner of the state. The focus on access and affordability remains paramount, but retention, graduation and transfer are equally important for a population that is rich in diversity and home to many first-generation students. It is important that once enrolled, PCC students reach their educational goals, be it by earning a certificate or a degree or simply successfully completing a refresher course.

In January, 2016, PCC introduced an updated Strategic Plan – **Destination 2022**. It is a plan rich in imperatives for student success:

- **Guided Pathways** – Implement structured course sequences or “program maps” aimed at keeping students on track to complete or transfer in the least amount of time and in the most affordable manner, therefore reducing student debt.
- **Academic Innovation** – Establish innovation in teaching methods and classroom technology, designed to empower faculty and students with a variety of online learning management systems.
- **Sustainable Long-term Employer Partnerships** – Be the go-to partner with employers in the local economy due to affordability, flexibility and industry expertise. A shift from passive engagement to active outreach turns leads into sustainable partnerships.
- **Marketing Student Outcomes** – Utilize a marketing budget that crosses multiple channels to reach an increasingly diverse audience. Emphasis is placed on capturing online college shoppers and improving outreach through social media and other mediums of technology.
- **Long-term Financial Viability** – Be resource savvy and a good steward of the taxpayer investment in the public good. Capitalize on grant funding, engagement in shared services, and collaboration with community partners.

Whether you are looking for customized training or seeking a degree or certificate, PCC stays ready to meet the needs of our community in an environment where student success is the heartbeat of all we do!

Dr. Patty Erjavec

President, Pueblo Community College

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Category 1:

Helping Students Learn

- PCC Approved for Dental Hygiene Bachelor's Degree** – On May 17, the Higher Learning Commission approved PCC's application to offer its first bachelor's degree – a Bachelor of Applied Science completion degree in Dental Hygiene. The historic program will start in this fall and already has generated strong interest from working hygienists who want to expand their career options in teaching, research and other education-related areas.
- Haas Foundation Supports Machining Students** – Haas Automation, which has generously provided PCC with quality Machining program equipment for many years, has also contributed significant dollars the past two years to fund scholarships for our Machining students. PCC received a check from Haas for \$20,000, which will assist students with the cost of tuition, books, fees and tools during the current academic year.
- PCC's First STEM Career Fair Draws A Crowd** – Dozens of curious community members came to PCC on June 17, 2015 to attend the college's inaugural STEM Career Fair. The program provided personal career perspectives from employees in different STEM fields.
- PCC Launches Barbering Program** – PCC started a new Barbering program in the fall 2015 semester. The three-semester program is an excellent addition to PCC's Cosmetology Department, which includes Hairstylist, Nail Technician and Esthetician programs. It will enable graduates to become licensed, which is required of barbers in all U.S. states.
- SCCC-West Adds Key New Programs** – PCC's Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC) West campus in Mancos added Fire Science Technology and Emergency Medical Services associate degree programs beginning with the fall semester. The EMS program includes paramedic training, while the Fire Science curriculum includes certifications in Firefighter I and II and Wildland Firefighting.
- SCCC-East Site Adding Two Medical Imaging Programs** – PCC's SCCC East campus in Durango added two certificate programs in Medical Imaging at the start of the fall semester – Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Computed Tomography programs, which are professional development opportunities for registered radiologic technologists. They both can be completed in two semesters, with non-clinical classes offered online. Those who complete the program will be eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam.
- PCC Students Manage Fine Art Exhibit** – Students in art instructor Connie Archuleta's Gallery Management class again managed the Fine Art Exhibit throughout the 11-day Colorado State Fair. Prior to the fair's start, students also designed the layout and installed the pieces of artwork in the Fine Arts Gallery.
- Ambulance Donation to Provide Real-World Experience** – The Emergency Medical Services program at PCC's SCCC West campus in Mancos was given a huge boost in August 2015 when it received a donated 1999 ambulance from the Los Piños Fire Department in Ignacio. The ambulance provides hands-on learning opportunities for students' training.



History Lesson Given by a Survivor – James Downing, who at 102 is the second-oldest Pearl Harbor attack survivor, talked about that experience when he delivered speeches to the campus and local communities on our Pueblo and Fremont campuses on Nov. 19, 2015. Prior to those presentations, Downing gave a brief address to faculty member Brad Bowers' American History class. History faculty member Michael Engle did the legwork to bring Downing to PCC.

- Snap-On Partnership Puts AST Students on the Cutting Edge** – On Dec. 2, 2015, PCC's Automotive Service Technology program announced a new partnership with Snap-On Tools that will enable students to have state-of-the-art practice tools, earn valuable additional certifications, and make them among the most employment-qualified graduates.
- Culinary Program Selected For State Honor** – PCC's Culinary Arts program received the American Chef Federation's Colorado Chef Association Excellence in Education award on Feb. 22. The honor goes to Culinary Arts programs that have participated in competitions, attended ACF sponsored educational events, and made significant progress toward improving and innovating their programs.
- Business Management Courses now Online** – PCC is offering an online associate of arts degree in business management, providing more options for students and the opportunity to seamlessly transfer those credits to any of Colorado's public universities and colleges. The program is for full- and part-time students and fully utilizes online books (e-books) to reduce costs and help students become more integrated with technology.
- Crime Author Speaks At PCC** – The Criminal Justice Department and Criminal Justice Club brought author and former police officer Zach Fortier to PCC's Hoag Theater. He discussed his 2014 book *I am Raymond Washington*, the only authorized biography of the founder of the infamous Crips street gang. The book won the nationwide 2015 Book Pipeline competition. Fortier was a police investigator and also worked in the K-9, SWAT, domestic violence and sex crimes divisions. He has written five nonfiction books about his experiences.
- Welding Students Continue Partnership with Pueblo Zoo's ElectriCritters** – Now in its 23rd year, ElectriCritters is both a fun family outing and the zoo's biggest annual fundraiser. More than 250,000 colorful lights adorn 150 models of exotic and wild animals. Two new large installations were unveiled this year, both created by PCC welding students. PCC's Welding program has been involved with ElectriCritters for more than 15 years, helping to create dozens of its displays.
- PCC Offers Psychology Labs** – PCC is one of the two Colorado community colleges providing psychology labs. In these courses, students participate in activities such as observing children's behavior through different stages of development. "The labs are a really good way to introduce a lot of people to some great basics of research in psychology," said Donna Fitzsimmons, co-department chair for the social sciences department. "They get a little taste of what it's like. We get a lot of students in those courses that are not psychology majors."
- Now Accepting More Online Credits** – Colorado Community College System institutions, including PCC, now accept a pool of roughly 60 online courses for credit from students seeking a degree or certificate from six popular national online learning organizations (Pearson, Straighterline, Sophia, JumpCourse, Saylor and Ed4Online). The acceptance of these credits was facilitated by the American Council on Education through their Alternative Credit Project, a national groundbreaking initiative to boost the ability of millions of nontraditional learners to gain a college degree. PCC was one of only 13 community colleges selected by ACE to join four-year colleges and universities in the first phase of this project.



Category 2:

Meeting Student and Other Key Stakeholder Needs

- PCC's Contribution to Community Lauded** – PCC and President Dr. Patty Erjavec were both recognized in 2015. After PCC drew recognition by being ranked fourth nationally for providing value-added education, Erjavec received media coverage from a Latino Chamber of Commerce luncheon at which she discussed the positive impact that the college's academic programs provide to the community.
- Advanced Degrees Available Through UCCS** – PCC's partnership with the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs has provided transfer degree and scholarship opportunities to PCC students and graduates for many years. On Oct. 23, 2015, UCCS representatives were on the Pueblo campus to meet with staff and faculty about UCCS advanced degrees that are available to them, namely an M.A. in Student Affairs and Higher Education and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, Research and Policy.
- Mobile Labs Initiative Wins National Award** – PCC's fleet of mobile learning labs for providing on-site education was selected to receive the National Council for Continuing Education & Training's 2015 Exemplary Program Award. PCC topped all nominations in the Workforce & Economic Development category. The program was cited for its impact, innovation, sustainability and replicability. PCC representatives accepted the award and made a presentation at the 2015 NCCET annual conference in Oregon.
- Scholarships Made Available to Students** – Davis Law Group launched the 2015-2016 Law and Justice Scholarship Contest and has made PCC students eligible to apply. It will make awards of \$2,000 each to three students aspiring to careers in the law and justice field.
- Partners Offer Specific Information About Health Careers** – The Southern Healthcare Partnership, a collaboration of local entities spearheaded by PCC, conducted a Health Career Job Fair on July 28, 2015 to provide community members with extensive information from employees about health careers.
- Informative, Free Cooking Class Offered to Students** – The start of the fall 2015 semester featured a free six-week Cooking Matters class to help teach students how to cook healthy meals on a budget. It included preparing a meal in class each week and taking a shopping trip to learn how to buy smart.
- Spring Job Fair Attracts Huge Crowd** – More than 600 students and community members attended PCC's Spring Job Fair on April 7 – the largest-ever attendance for the event. More than 90 employers from throughout the region took part, with many conducting interviews during the fair itself. U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton held a public question-and-answer session. Contractor and TV host Kayleen McCabe shared her passion for trade careers, giving two presentations, and visited with students and instructors in the machining and welding programs.



Frequent Learners Honored – The PCC Learning Center recognized Frequent Learners – students who spent 100 hours or more in the Learning Center during the fall 2015 semester. The December event honored those who have made the most of the resources available to them, which in turn helps them be successful throughout the campus. Seventeen students were recognized for logging a combined total of more than 3,000 hours. In all, PCC students devoted 7,234 hours to improving their education experience in the Learning Center.



- **Training Centralized to Expand Services –** The new Pueblo Corporate College, unveiled at a news conference on Sept. 23, 2015, blends credit and non-credit instructional programs in an effort to expand training services. The ultimate goal is to have a central unit that caters to the training needs of companies, adult learners and the community.
- **Seminars Aim to Boost Transfer Rates** – Students planning to transfer to pursue a bachelor's degree after completing their PCC studies have benefitted greatly from a new series of free transfer information seminars conducted by our Career & Transfer Center. Seminars are offered daily.
- **Students Get Involved with Local Traditions** – Students from PCC's Pueblo and Fremont campuses and SCCC participated in their communities' annual Parade of Lights in November and December 2015. In addition, PCC's Center for New Media in Pueblo was responsible for broadcasting the parade live on one of our Xfinity local community access channels. PCC faculty and staff served as commentators for the broadcast.
- **Grant Allows Dental Hygiene Students to Help Pueblo Children** – An oral health grant from Delta Dental of Colorado gave students in the PCC Dental Hygiene Program the opportunity to serve the community and improve their skills by providing free preventive care for children in need. Children ages 4 to 12 came to the Feb. 19 clinic to receive X-rays, teeth cleaning, fluoride varnish and oral hygiene instructions.
- **CNM Showcases Career Choices** – Students and community members attended an open house hosted July 30, 2015 by the Center for New Media. In-depth information was provided about careers in the graphic and web design, broadcasting, and mass communications fields. These programs provide excellent real-world experience and have ample career opportunities.
- **Children Learn About Junk Food Alternatives** – First-, second- and third-grade students learned about the alternatives to a sweet snack by incorporating a variety of fruits and vegetables into their choices. "I think this class is important because a lot of kids do have to make snacks on their own and sometimes it might be hard for them to decide what they need to eat," said instructor Holly Owens. "I think it really teaches them how to make healthy choices."
- **Brues Alehouse Hosts Dueling Knives** – The Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Culinary Federation presented *Dueling Knives, Episode 3: Jedi vs. Padawan* on July 25, 2016 at Brues Alehouse in Pueblo. The event, which was open to the public, was sponsored by Sysco. State Sen. Leroy Garcia helped judge the competition. Michael Degenhart, executive chef at PCC, competed against Ben Bedard, culinary arts instructor. The chefs were assisted by four students from the PCC Hospitality and Culinary Arts Department. The event showcased foods donated by Sysco and local farms.
- **PCC Recreation Center Supports Community Fitness** – The PCC Recreation Center offers fitness classes in yoga, Women on Weights, strength training and tai chi. Community members are welcome to join the Rec Center for a low monthly fee.
- **Staff Makes Extra Effort for PCC Families** – The staff members of PCC's Disability Resources Center conducted the Angel Tree project in December 2015, providing holiday gifts to the children of PCC students. Students, faculty and staff were able to select a tag that included a child's gender, age and a few gift ideas. After purchasing a gift, the buyers wrapped and returned them to the center for distribution. The DRC was able to provide gifts for 53 families and a total of 141 children.
- **PCC, Care and Share Create Mobile Food Pantry** – PCC's Health and Wellness Working Group partnered with Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado and the PCC Foundation to start a year-round mobile food pantry for the community. Care and Share brings roughly 2,500 pounds of food, with an emphasis on fresh produce, to PCC for the event. The May 3 debut was a great success, with 96 families served.
- **Company Expands with Help from PCC** – A Cañon City entrepreneur skilled at making dog doors welcomed a little extra help from PCC when it came to making his workplace more efficient. Bill Hale, founder and owner of Hale Pet Door, needed a hand when he moved the business from a huge Arizona plant to a building one-third its size in Cañon City. Thanks to a \$20,000 state grant that funded employee training, Hale finds that his employees are more efficient, the layout of the plant is improved and business is growing. The Colorado First and Existing Industry Grant is overseen by the Colorado Community College System.



- **Manufacturing Camp Has Another Successful Year** – Forty local middle school students took part in PCC's fourth annual manufacturing camp June 13-17. The students got hands-on experience with numerous manufacturing techniques, toured local businesses and learned about the many jobs available in the industry. Funding for the camp came from grants, donations and the college so students were able to attend free of charge.
- **Safety Fair for Community Hosted at PCC** – AT&T, Black Hills Energy, Pueblo Community College and the Pueblo Police Department hosted a crime prevention seminar in PCC's Fortino Ballroom. Presentations about burglary prevention, social media and cybersecurity safety, and gang violence awareness and prevention were given by representatives of the police department. Safety information booths were available throughout the event.
- **Kids' College Celebrates 20th Anniversary** – PCC's Kids' College, part of Pueblo Corporate College, celebrated its 20th year of providing local elementary and middle school students with opportunities for fun summer learning. Kids enjoyed classes in science, cooking, app design, dance and other subjects and got to experience the feeling of being on a college campus.
- **PCC plans Back for the Future** – PCC hosted Back for the Future on May 31. The event was for adults who left college before graduating and those who are considering attending college for the first time. A light lunch was served and information was provided about the school, its programs and the enrollment process.
- **PCC Hosts Senior Law Day** – The PCC Foundation hosted the fourth annual Senior Law Day on the Pueblo campus July 23. Senior citizens and caregivers were able to get valuable information about issues such as fraud, estate planning and grandparents' rights. This was the only Senior Law Day held in southern Colorado, making it a popular event for people throughout the region.
- **Senior Mini College Continues to Thrive** – PCC's Fremont Campus hosted area senior citizens during spring break (March 21-25) for Senior Mini College. This was the 31st year for the event. Seniors had their choice of 138 non-credit classes from a broad range of topics – everything from arts and crafts to financial planning.
- **Resource Fair Created for Community Members** – In an effort to impact the Pueblo County unemployment rate, which is one of the highest in Colorado, PCC hosted Return to Earn on July 28, 2016. The event was for people who have been laid off from their jobs or are changing career direction. Attendees learned that they may be eligible for college credit because of their previous work experience.
- **Expanding Panther Pantries in the Southwest** – The Panther Student Pantry was first created on PCC's Pueblo Campus and soon was replicated at the Fremont Campus. This year, the SCCC Durango and Mancos campuses were able to create their own Panther Student Pantries in May and February, respectively. All PCC students are able to select several items each week, from canned food to toothpaste, and the service is free.

Category 3:

Valuing Employees

- **Employees Learn Importance of Business Intelligence and Predictive Analytics** – On March 18, 2016, all PCC employees attended a College Summit featuring Dr. Ron Yanosky of the Education Advisory Board. He presented *A Common Currency*, which focused on how and why business intelligence and predictive analytics offer ways for institutions of higher education to be more disciplined, productive and effective. Employees learned that even though their job may not directly involve those topics, having the opportunity to know more about them contributes to improving our school and advancing its strategic plan.



PCC Again Voted as Best Place to Work in Pueblo – For the third consecutive year, PCC was voted the Best Place to Work in the 2015 Best of Pueblo contest sponsored by The Pueblo Chieftain newspaper.





Some of Our Best – PCC's 2015 Employees of the Year were announced during the Spring Kickoff and Employee Appreciation Breakfast, held Jan. 14 in the Fortino Ballroom. Special honors went to (from left) Bonnie Clark, Disability Resources coordinator (Administrative/Professional/Technical Employee of the Year); Julie Jimenez, Executive Assistant to the President (Classified Employee of the Year); PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec, Shawna Chamberlain, Radiologic Technology program Department Chair (Faculty of the Year); and Sally Ashton, ceramics instructor (Part-Time Instructor of the Year).

- Employees Learn How To Self-Measure Performance** – A “Facets of Quality” professional development workshop that was offered to employees in August 2015 gave them a chance to choose their own quality performance measure. The workshop also included training in writing a performance standard and a discussion on the State’s criteria used for meeting excellent performance standards.
- Employees Learn Excellent Online Teaching Techniques** – Staff from two of PCC’s grant programs teamed up with our eLearning department to conduct an Online Teaching Showcase for faculty and instructors on Nov. 13. There were 10 different 30-minute presentations, each pertaining to a component of online teaching and learning. All were aimed at providing ideas and information about how to engage online students.
- Fair Supports Employee Health** – A Health and Wellness Benefit Fair was held in September 2015 to provide an opportunity for employees on the Pueblo and Fremont campuses, and their family members, to receive many free or reduced-cost health screenings and services. The Benefit Fair also included a bonanza of useful health-related information.
- GPS Expert Speaks at PCC** – Faculty and staff attending PCC’s Guided Pathways Summit on April 22 heard a presentation by Dr. Timothy Renick of Georgia State University. Renick is among the most experienced and knowledgeable Guided Pathways professionals in the country. The information he shared with employees will be invaluable as PCC formally launches its Guided Pathways System, which helps students focus their area of study in order to complete their degree or certificate on time.
- Lunching While Learning at PCC** – The Health and Wellness Working Group began hosting monthly *Lunch & Learn* sessions in PCC’s Hoag Theater. PCC employees and community members were able to attend numerous educational sessions; topics included the Pueblo Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership, Balancing Your Choices and Practical Stress Reduction through Mindfulness. Attendees are always welcome to bring their own lunch. The events are free and open to the public.
- PCC Already Ahead of Online-Teacher Curve** – The Colorado Community College System reported this year that several dozen online instructors’ jobs are at risk if they do not live in Colorado. Only one of PCC’s online instructors lives outside the state, said President Patty Erjavec. “Currently, all but one of PCC’s online instructors are indeed local and that is by design. We want to maintain a personal relationship with all of our faculty and instructors for a variety of reasons and nothing will ever take the place of face-to-face communication, professional development and support. PCC is committed to hiring Colorado individuals to deliver our role and mission.”
- VAWA Awareness Benefits Students, Staff** – PCC’s Student Life department and the PCC Recreation Center held free beginner self-defense classes for students and employees on Feb. 12. The classes were part of an awareness campaign about the Violence Against Women Act.



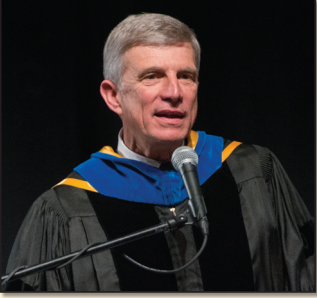


Category 4:

Planning and Leading

- Human Anatomy Learning Center Unveiled** – On Nov. 19, 2015, PCC unveiled its new, state-of-the-art Human Anatomy Learning Center that is housed at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center. The focus was on the Anatomage Table, which is a life-size, virtual and three-dimensional digital cadaver. The HALC also includes a human cadaver. These resources will enhance PCC's current anatomy curriculum and provide students a hands-on experience that is incomparable to any other classroom or lab technique.
- PCC Names New Executive Dean of SCCC Campuses** – Tonya Nelson, a native of the Four Corners, started as the head of Southwest Colorado Community College, a division of PCC, on Oct. 19, 2015 after leaving her position as the director of quality improvement and the career center at San Juan Community College in Farmington, New Mexico. The local community college is one of few regional schools offering a culinary arts program and firefighter training and Nelson said she sees that as an opportunity. She hopes to build partnerships within the community to help expand the already-popular programs.
- Employees Gain Valuable Perspective about Advising Process** – PCC faculty and staff learned more about the advising procedure and how it will be affected by the new Community College Placement Test at the Feb. 17 College Forum, *Gaining Perspective – Looking at PCC Through a Different Lens*. Topics included advisor training information and different methods for providing student advisement.
- Art and Technology Meet Through Collaboration** – The PCC Arts and Sciences division partnered with Pueblo's Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center to bring *"Touched by the Hand of God: Michelangelo's Models"* to PCC students and staff. One of the models in the exhibit was displayed on campus during the annual Spring Fling event on March 30 and PCC employees and students were able to have free admission to the Arts Center over a four-day period. They also got to hear a lecture by Dr. Harry Spell, the man who used 3D laser scanning and rapid prototype technology to make certified reproductions of the centuries-old original models.
- PCC Participates In National "1DayStand"** – PCC's Health Clinic got the Pueblo campus on board to honor the Great American Smokeout by participating in the national "1DayStand" on Nov. 19, 2015. The focus was on educating students about the negatives of tobacco use and encouraging smokers to donate the value of a pack of cigarettes toward providing food for the college's Panther Student Pantry.
- Scholarship Students Connect with Donors** – Students receiving PCC Foundation scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year were able to meet with the donors who sponsored their scholarships at a reception/luncheon held on Oct. 6, 2015.
- DOC Employees Learn About Education Opportunities** – PCC was part of a group of colleges that conducted an inaugural Education Fair for Department of Corrections employees in October 2015 to help them in their quest to pursue education and help them qualify for promotion at the DOC. Pueblo and Fremont campus advisors were able to share valuable information about PCC with the employees.
- Fremont Students Helping Build Special Trail** – Construction on the Fremont Campus' Geology Time Trail began in September when students and community members built the first 500 feet. This visionary venture aims to educate the community about the area's rich geology, paleontology and historical heritage. The project will become a future outdoor Fremont Campus classroom once the trail is ready for traffic.
- PCC's Newest Academic Dean an Expert On Japanese Beer, Culture** - Jeff Alexander can tell you all about Far Eastern brews — and much more. Alexander, Dean of Pueblo Community College's Arts and Sciences division, has written a book (*Brewed in Japan*) detailing the history of brewing in Japan. Alexander spent a year in that country, immersed in its culture and language. Alexander also has written a book detailing some of the challenges and hardships small motorcycle manufacturers in Japan dealt with when they competed against the major manufacturers such as Yamaha and Kawasaki. He's working on a third book detailing the development of whiskey distilling in Japan.





Over 950 Graduate from PCC – A total of 953 students received degrees and certificates from PCC on May 13 for the Pueblo and Fremont campuses and May 15 for the SCCC campuses. There were 806 graduates at the Pueblo/Fremont ceremony and 147 from SCCC East and West. Dr. Ron Sega, a former astronaut, delivered the commencement address at both ceremonies. Sega flew missions aboard space shuttles *Discovery* and *Atlantis*. He also served as NASA's director of operations in Russia, helping to train cosmonauts and astronauts for flights to the International Space Station. He currently teaches systems engineering at CSU in Fort Collins.

• **PCC Alum Shares Experiences In STEM Series**

– Bill Scott, an alumnus of PCC (Southern Colorado State College), shared his experiences as a flight test engineer on Feb. 10, 2016 as part of PCC's Stars of STEM speaker series. He captured the crowd's attention with stories from his engineering and in-flight experiences. Scott continues to be involved with PCC and is a strong supporter of STEM education.

• **Rosa Parks Presentation Highlights Black History Month Events**

– National humanities and Chautauqua scholar Becky Stone portrayed civil rights leader Rosa Parks in a Feb. 22 performance at PCC.

• **Businessman Honored for PCC Contributions**

– Pueblo auto dealer Bill Wilcoxson, a member of the advisory committee for the PCC automotive program, recently donated \$90,000 worth of parts for the department to use. Wilcoxson also has donated five used cars in 2016 for students to use in classes. He was recognized for his

generous contributions, which help PCC provide students with superior hands-on training.

• **PCC Awards Six Kane Scholarships**

– The PCC Foundation Scholarship Committee selected six Kane Family Scholars for the 2016-17 academic year. Veronica Fringer, twin sisters Kristina and Katrina Gallegos, Zien Hendrickson, Sarah Pridemore and Theresa Robbins are this year's beneficiaries of the Kane Family Foundation University Connection Program. The scholarships are intended to reward students for both merit and hard work. They were established for Colorado state universities in 2006 and for state community colleges in 2008. Wanden and Andy Kane were Fountain ranchers who shared an appreciation of learning and believed in the independence that it could provide. The foundation allows their vision to continue by helping Colorado residents achieve the dream of a college education.



STEM Center Has Grand Opening – PCC's new STEM Center had a grand opening with a news conference and ribbon cutting on Oct. 2, 2015. PCC officials, business representatives and a student provided inspirational addresses noting how the center will help students and local industry. The center and its staff aim to inspire, challenge and encourage students to consider a STEM-related career.



Category 5:

Knowledge Management & Resource Stewardship

- PCC Receives Major State Funding** – PCC was awarded \$3.6 million in state funding in 2015 for a capital renewal project that will upgrade the Davis Academic Building's infrastructure. It was the largest capital construction project award made to any community college in Colorado last year. The funding is being used for the design and completion of five main maintenance projects. In addition, funding will go toward purchasing mechanical systems equipment that would be installed in the future.
- Safety is a Continuing Focus** – Recent tragedies on college campuses across the country have reiterated the need for PCC to keep safety
 - a top priority. Safety and Security forums were held Oct. 6, 2015 for students, faculty and staff to stress the need for awareness and precaution. A separate Safety Forum for PCC employees on Sept. 16 provided methods for defusing possible volatile situations.
- School to Fund Science Lab Equipment** – PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec announced at a June 30 press conference that the school will contribute \$800,000 of its reserves toward furnishing the school's science labs with new equipment once they are renovated. This will ensure students have access to the most up-to-date tools for their studies.



PCC Awarded \$7.6 Million – PCC held a press conference on June 30, 2016 to formally announce \$7.6 million in capital renewal funding from the Colorado General Assembly. State legislators Daneya Esgar (at the podium) and Leroy Garcia of Pueblo, both strong advocates for the funding, joined PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec at the announcement. Both legislators spoke about the school's importance to its students and the region. The money – in addition to \$3.6 million awarded in 2015 – will be used for renovations and upgrades to the Dr. Mike Davis Academic Building on the Pueblo campus, as well as significant security and technological upgrades for the Pueblo, Fremont and SCCC campuses. Work is expected to be completed in fall of 2018.

Category 6:

Quality Overview

PCC Student Honored with State Award – PCC student Clara McClure was named the Outstanding 4-H Youth Leader at the state 4-H conference in Fort Collins in June 2015. The award goes to a 4-H member who excels in both 4-H and the community. Clara is a homeschooled product who started taking classes at PCC in the spring of 2014.



- President Erjavec Receives State Fair Honor** – PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec was the Honorary Grand Parade Marshal for the Colorado State Fair Parade on Aug. 29, 2015. PCC students, faculty and staff walked with the Associated Student Government's float during the parade. PCC's contingent also included a police car, fire truck and ambulance from the college's fleet of program vehicles.
- PCC Named Public Health Champion** – PCC was named the 2016 Public Health Champion by the Pueblo City-County Health Department. The award goes to an individual or agency displaying significant contributions to Pueblo's public health as a role model for the community. PCC was cited for its food safety and healthy eating options; commitment to improving childcare systems and policies through the Children First program; involvement in tobacco education and efforts to have tobacco-free campuses; and opening its recreation center to the community to promote better health.
- PCC President Receives National Honor** – PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec received the Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction. College presidents are selected on the basis of their outstanding efforts toward promoting the goals of the official community college honor society. She was honored at PTK's national convention in San Antonio, TX.
- Gateway to College Program Receives National Honor** – PCC's Gateway to College program was recognized in July with the 2016 Gateway Graduation Achievement Award for exceeding the network's graduation benchmark in 2014-15. The honor was presented at the Gateway to College National Network Peer Learning Conference. PCC partners with eight school districts to offer GTC at its Pueblo, Fremont and SCCC-East campuses. In addition, GTC National Network President Emily Froimson came to Pueblo to take part in PCC's Pre-college graduation on May 23, 2016.



Gift Offers Students a Glimpse of History – PCC students now have an opportunity every day to be reminded of their college's history. The Robert Hoag Rawlings Foundation, LeVert W. Hoag Foundation and PCC Foundation officially unveiled and dedicated "Founding Father," a bronze sculpture of PCC's founder, Frank S. Hoag Jr., on Dec. 16, 2015. The sculpture was unveiled by Jane Rawlings (left), Hoag's great niece, and Bob Rawlings (right), Hoag's nephew. This gift to the college stands in Hoag Plaza, the PCC courtyard. Those who walk by can read about Hoag and his contributions not only to PCC but to higher education in Pueblo. The sculpture was made by Loveland artist Sutton Betti.



- **Community Invests in Culinary Arts Program**

– PCC culinary arts students were one of eight teams competing in the Culinary Knowledge Bowl regional competition in Hawaii in April thanks in part to support from the PCC and Pueblo communities. A public fundraiser resulted in more than \$2,000 in contributions and the local Masonic group donated another \$1,000 to help defray expenses. Contributors were able to experience the students' talents first-hand by eating meals created for both occasions.

- **Foundation Honors Longtime Supporters**

– The PCC Foundation inducted the Credit Union of Colorado and SunWest Educational Credit Union into its prestigious President's Circle on Nov. 6, 2015 at the 17th annual Donor Appreciation Dinner. The recipients were selected for their ongoing commitment to PCC and the PCC Foundation through sponsorships, grants, scholarship awards and volunteer participation.

- **PCC Students Receive Phi Theta Kappa Award**

– Michele Barnes and Jacqueline Talbert were named to the Phi Theta Kappa All Colorado Academic Team. Both women are pursuing their associate degrees in business and both plan to transfer to Colorado State University-Pueblo to get their bachelor's and master's degrees. They were honored at the statewide recognition ceremony and honorary luncheon at the Denver Athletic Club on March 9.

Slovenian Ambassador Visits PCC – Dr. Bozo Cerar, the Slovenian ambassador to the United States, visited the Pueblo campus on April 30 to tour the Gorsich Advanced Technology Center and learn about PCC's manufacturing programs. Cerar received gifts from manufacturing students and representatives of PCC's Associated Student Government. The tour was covered by local media and the Slovenian embassy's official newsletter.

- **Dental Assisting Teacher Tops in CCCS**

Shanna Montoya, a faculty member of the PCC Dental Assisting program, was named Advocate of the Year by the Colorado Community College System and State Student Advisory Council. Montoya was recognized for her creative teaching methods, commitment to students and her community service. She is club advisor for the Dental Assisting Student Organization, clinical instructor/supervisor for dental assisting internships, and a faculty mentor. Montoya also is a PCC graduate; she received her Associate of Applied Science degree in 2003.

- **STEM Center Launches Speaker Series**

Our new STEM Center, which already conducts weekly "Tech Tuesdays" and "Science Thursdays" to showcase new industry developments, began a new monthly speaker series on Nov. 11, 2015. The first speaker was Elias Molen from the U.S. Space Foundation, who provided details about exciting space-related educational programs and professional development courses.

- **Students Take Statewide Honors**

– Five individuals/teams from PCC's welding and machining programs took first-place honors in the SkillsUSA secondary and state competitions, which were hosted by PCC on April 7. The winners competed at nationals in Kentucky this summer. PCC's automotive technology students also took two first-place awards in the statewide Jerry Boor Memorial Auto Competition.

- **Students Helping Students**

– Alex Neighbours and Aaron Mankel, students working at the Fremont Campus Panther Student Pantry, developed their own initiative to illustrate the benefits of the service: They prepared an on-site meal using only items that were on hand. Their goal was to encourage students to take advantage of the pantry by demonstrating how simple it is to turn a few items into a real meal.



- **Super Bowl Fever at PCC** – PCC's Pueblo and Fremont campuses were "Broncos Country" in the week leading up to Super Bowl 50 against Carolina. Each campus created its own events, including contests and spirit days, to provide some pre-game fun and promote a sense of community among students and employees. The Pueblo campus Student Life office also hosted a Super Bowl party in the Fortino Ballroom.





- PCC Hosts Regional Destination Imagination Contest** – PCC's Pueblo campus was filled with more than 400 K-12 students on March 19 for the Destination Imagination regional competition. PCC students in the President's Leadership Program served as team managers for many of the school groups and staff members Joey Mathews and Matthew Sterner-Neely coordinated the event with Destination Imagination representatives. The younger students got to spend the whole day on campus and, in the process, learn more about PCC.
- SBDC Earns Regional Honor** – The Southern Colorado Small Business Development Center, operating under PCC's Pueblo Corporate College, recently won the 2016 U.S. Small

Business Administration's SBDC Excellence and Innovation Center Award for SBA Region VII and the state of Colorado. The award recognizes the SBDC's excellence in providing value to small businesses and advancing program delivery and management through innovation. PCC has hosted the SBDC since 1989.

- "Ghost Hunters" TV Star Presents To Students** – Paranormal TV celebrity Dustin Pari, known for his investigative work on *"Ghost Hunters International"* and *"Destination Truth,"* entertained students and community members when he gave a presentation at PCC on Oct. 16. Pari also took some students on a campus ghost-hunting mission.



Our Mission

- Pueblo Community College transforms lives, enriches communities, and strengthens the regional economy by empowering individual achievement through a continuum of education.

Our Vision

- Pueblo Community College is the first choice for success.

Our Core Values

• Achievement:

We embrace a diverse student body attending our institution of higher education and support all individuals in attaining high-quality postsecondary credentials across our academic disciplines. Through our retention efforts across the college, we work to keep students engaged and focused on completing their coursework to become highly-skilled professionals and gain the most from their educational pursuits to achieve success in the workforce by meeting the demands of a global economy.

• Excellence:

We embrace continuous quality improvement and innovation in all areas of the institution. We deliver high-quality programs and services that respond to the needs of the communities we serve and prepare students for success in an ever-changing, diverse, and global workplace.

• Integrity:

We advance our mission ethically and responsibly. We value fair and equitable treatment, participatory decision-making and transparent resource management. We have an organizational culture that inspires high performance and accountability for behaviors, actions, and results in a collaborative spirit.

• Respect:

We provide a safe, caring, and supportive environment conducive to the success and well-being of students, faculty and staff. We welcome diversity of backgrounds and opinions, recognize individual talents, encourage personal and professional growth, celebrate accomplishments, and honor institutional traditions.

• Scholarship:

We value and promote student, faculty, and staff scholarship. We strive to create a student-centered learning environment that cultivates critical and creative thinking, problem solving, intellectual inquiry, and global awareness. Through continuing development, we expect faculty and staff to be productive workers, responsible decision-makers, and servant leaders. We believe that scholarship should occur in all organizational levels through knowledge sharing and effective communication.

• Teamwork:

We believe inclusive cooperative relationships are critical to the vitality and long term success of our institution. We strategically pursue mutually beneficial partnerships to help students learn and advance other institutional priorities. We encourage active collaboration within and between departments and operational areas. We believe in the importance of nurturing student-to-student and student-to-faculty/staff interactions as a means of promoting student success.

