



## College Report – Nov. 2010

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### **Student Access to comprehensive academic programs**

**PCC students turn out for special day** – PCC had 54 students attend a CSU-Pueblo home football game on Oct. 16 as guests of the university on Community Colleges Day for southeast Colorado schools. Included was the drawing for a \$500 CollegenInvest scholarship.

**Refund card details made available** – PCC is helping students make the CCCS Refund Card work for them by providing a Higher101 information channel on the myPCC Portal. It contains information about card services, especially options that can help students save money.

**Staff gains insights on marketing to students** – PCC's ability to promote its educational services and accessibility to students was enhanced when Webmaster Crystal Hart-Tucker and Marketing Director Erin Hergert attended the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations' annual conference in Denver. CCCS President Dr. Nancy McCallin was the keynote speaker.

### **Student Success through development of a highly-skilled workforce**

**PCC heading new five-college program** – PCC is the state's managing agency for the new Electronic Medical Records program that five CCCS colleges kicked off Oct. 30 though federal ARRA funds. EMR contains six mini-certificate programs that will be offered sequentially.

**Student selected to legislative post** – Second-year student Chris Weaver, a Kane scholar, VP of Associated Student Government and its State Student Advisory Council representative, has been selected the SSAC's legislative liaison to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

**PCC literary & art publication gains notoriety** – PCC's inaugural issue of "The Final Note," an art and literary journal, captured third place in the Community College Humanities Association's Southwestern Division. The publication contains original poems, stories, scripts, photographs and pictures of visual works of art submitted by students, faculty and staff from all PCC campuses.

**Academy helps fire fighters hone skills** – PCC's Southwest Colorado Community College partnered with emergency service agencies to host 159 fire fighters from the Four Corners region (15 more than last year) at the 24th annual Colorado Fire Fighters Academy held Oct. 12-17 in Pagosa Springs. The Academy's 40 instructors offered training for all levels of fire personnel.

**Bond issue to lead to improved learning** – On Sept. 22, PCC announced plans for a Sept. 29 revenue bond issuance to finance two capital construction projects on its Pueblo campus -- a \$9 million improvement to its College Center and a \$4 million development of a new Learning Center. Both projects aim to increase student access, academic success and retention.

### **Student Success through transition opportunities**

**Perkins plan praised** – The Colorado Perkins Field Council has recognized PCC's 2010-2011 plan for its projected use of \$1.24 million in Perkins funds and for aligning with federal requirements and the strategic plans of both PCC and the Colorado CTE. The plan includes five goals related to career and technical education instruction and aimed at ensuring a seamless transition for secondary students enrolling at PCC and for those transferring to 4-year schools.

### **Ensuring operational excellence & student safety**

**Safety, health are priorities at PCC campuses** – PCC is in the process of adopting several measures that enhance the health and safety of its students. Outdoor lighting is being studied and improved as needed at all four campuses. A full-time police officer is being hired for the Fremont Campus. Flu Shot Clinics were held on all campuses, with students offered free immunizations. A Health Clinic has opened at the Fremont Campus and has free office visits for students. Free dental exams were offered in October on the Pueblo campus.