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**Dual-enrollment students to learn  
about scholarship opportunity at PCC dinner**

**PUEBLO** – When the cost to acquire college credits is FREE, it's pretty hard to beat.

But that's exactly the opportunity that high school students from the two Pueblo school districts have when they take concurrent enrollment college courses, which means they take college courses and receive both high school and college credits simultaneously. The tuition costs are paid by their school district, and students get a jump start on their higher education.

Now, graduating high school seniors who have taken such courses are also being offered a scholarship to attend Pueblo Community College in the upcoming fall semester. All they need to do is attend the PCC Early Advantage Scholarship Dinner for concurrent enrollment students that will be held on Thursday, March 11, in PCC's Fortino Ballroom.

The program provides a free six credit-hour scholarship based on a student taking 12 or more credits in the fall 2010 semester. It actually is good for two consecutive semesters as long as the student stays enrolled at PCC.

To qualify, these students must have taken a dual enrollment course at the 100 level or higher while in high school and passed with a C or higher grade.

Importantly, each student who accepts the scholarship will receive personal 1-on-1 enrollment assistance with both the application and financial aid processes. He or she will be completely prepared to enroll in the college when fall registration begins on April 5. Each one also will be put on the fast track into all campus services, including help applying for PCC scholarships the following year.

“This scholarship is a great incentive for students who took the challenge of taking college classes in high school and we are excited to offer it for the second year in a row,” said Carriann Martinez, PCC's Director of Recruitment. “We hope this will encourage students to realize they can achieve a college degree from PCC in a short amount of time after graduating from high school.”

Seating at the Free Early Advantage Scholarship Dinner is limited, and RSVPs are required by March 8 by calling PCC's Office of Recruitment at 549-3116. Each invited student may bring up to two guests to the dinner. More than 350 students and guests attended last year's dinner, when 120 scholarships were made available.

Meanwhile, all high school seniors who didn't take a dual-enrollment class but still plan to attend PCC this fall will be invited to a "special event" that will be held at the college in April. Details on that will be released soon.

For more information about the scholarship offer or other matters related to enrolling at PCC, please call 549-3116.

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