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PATTY ERJAVEC APPOINTED PRESIDENT OF PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Denver – Today, Dr. Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS) announced the appointment of Patty Erjavec as the new president of Pueblo Community College (PCC). Erjavec will assume the responsibilities on June 1, 2010. Until then, Cliff Richardson, CCCS vice-president of Administration and Finance, will continue in his role as interim president.

McCallin and Richardson met with college faculty, staff, and members of the community to get an idea of how they would like to proceed with the selection of the new president. Many felt that an appointment would be in the best interest of the college and would bring leadership to the college in an expeditious time frame.

“I am very pleased that Patty has accepted the position as president of PCC. I have been honored to work with Patty for the past six years, I have seen first-hand her commitment to community college students, to the mission of community colleges, and to PCC,” said McCallin. “I have always admired her staunch advocacy for policies that create a thriving environment in which students may learn. Additionally, Patty has strong ties in the community, which I believe will allow her to build strong business partnerships that will benefit both our students and economic development within the community.”

“As a Pueblo native, I have grown up around PCC. I have seen firsthand the success stories the students have to tell, which are remarkable, and I look forward to supporting the students as they work toward achieving their goals,” said Erjavec. “I have also seen the contributions the college has made to this and other communities and the communities’ generosity back to the college. It will be a great privilege to continue in the traditions of these important partnerships and grow them in the future for all of the PCC communities of Pueblo, Canon City, Cortez, and Durango.”

Erjavec currently serves as the president and CEO of El Pueblo... an Adolescent Treatment Community. Prior to El Pueblo, she was the general manager for PCL Packaging in Pueblo. She is a board member of US Bank, a member of the Pueblo City School Strategic Planning Commission, and Vice-Chair of the Colorado Association of Families and Children’s Agencies. She also served on the State Board for

Community Colleges and Occupational Education from 2001 until 2010 when her term expired earlier this year. She was inducted into the Pueblo Community College Hall of Fame this year.

She received her master's in non-profit management from Regis University, graduating with honors, and her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, emphasis in accounting, from University of Southern Colorado (now Colorado State University-Pueblo).

Erjavec will be PCC's first woman president.

The Colorado Community College System comprises the state's largest system of higher education serving more than 128,000 students annually. CCCS oversees career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and seven other post-secondary institutions.

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