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## **PCC transfer coordinator selected to co-edit national advising publication**

**PUEBLO** – Cathee Duncan has a real career passion – to help college students get as much education as they can. In her role as transfer coordinator at Pueblo Community College, Duncan advises students through the transfer process and helps them see the wide range of options that are available and avoid duplicating classes.

Duncan will have another avenue for her passion now that she has been selected to co-edit the National Academic Advising Association’s national publication to be released in the fall of 2012. She was selected because of her experience at the community college level.

As volunteers, Cathee and her co-editor will help select topics pertinent to all college advising audiences. They will solicit articles for consideration, then select and edit the best perspectives for publication in an updated edition of the “Monograph” series, which contain articles on colleges of all sizes.

“Transfer advising is a real passion of mine and I am excited about having the opportunity to make a real impact on how advisors can benefit students,” Duncan said of her role with the national publication. “Many times when students are just starting out at PCC, they don’t even think about continuing their education when they are done here. But once they see that they can be successful, they start realizing that it is possible for them to go on and earn a bachelor’s degree or more.”

The Norfolk, Virginia native came to PCC in May 2007 and serves as a transfer and an academic advisor as well as a sociology instructor. The previous eight years before that, she was an academic advisor at Florida State University, where during this time she also earned an Education Specialist degree in Higher Education Administration. The Ed.S. is an advanced degree granted to individuals who develop additional skills or increase their knowledge beyond the master's level but do not wish to pursue a degree at the doctoral level.

Duncan also has Sociology degrees from Old Dominion University (bachelor’s) and the University of Alabama-Birmingham (master’s). She has given presentations at several NACADA regional and national conferences and for other organizations, and she recently helped research and write an article on PCC’s HOPE Bridge Project, which is due for publication this fall in the Community College Journal of Research and Practice.

Cathee also participates on several community organizations and currently is a member of the Pueblo 2020 Commission and its Education Taskforce. One of her recent initiatives with the 2020 Commission was helping coordinate the first in a series of poverty simulation projects that was held in June at PCC and will continue in September and November.

This fall's NACADA national conference will be held in Orlando and the 2011 event will take place in Denver.

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