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PCC's annual Earth Day celebration to take global look at "going green"

PUEBLO – Pueblo Community College's annual Earth Day event is taking a global perspective on the "going green" movement this year. At its Green Spring Fling celebration on Thursday, PCC student clubs will provide information on what other countries are doing to promote environmental awareness aimed at enhancing our planet.

PCC instituted Green Spring Fling a year ago by combining the Associated Student Government's annual Spring Fling extravaganza with national Earth Day. The intent was to create more environmental awareness to a large audience of faculty, staff and students that is already there to enjoy lunch, music and a festive atmosphere.

While staff will have a campus cleanup at 9 a.m. Thursday, the main Green Spring Fling activities will start with a welcome at 11:50 a.m. on the patio near the Student Center. At noon, a barbecue buffet lunch service will be available to all students, faculty and staff with a current student identification card.

A full agenda of happenings also will begin at noon when a completely solar-powered concert will begin, featuring five consecutively-playing bands or performers. Solar panels will be installed in front of the patio where the bands will perform. Also at noon, student club members will staff tables providing information on sustainability initiatives that are taking place in 15 countries throughout the world, and a variety of outdoor games will start.

Here is the afternoon's agenda of activities:

- 9 a.m. Campus cleanup
- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Associated Student Government (ASG) election of officers
- 12-4 p.m. Lunch buffet, solar concert, games, community booths
- 12:45 p.m. Energy Maintenance Program info -- learn how to go green
- 1:45 p.m. Recycling initiatives information
- 2:45 p.m. New Earth Keepers Club presentation & bike riders recognized
- 3:45 p.m. Mountain bike giveaway information
- 4:30 p.m. Live music until 6:30 p.m.

- 4:30 p.m. Buffet for evening students
- 5:15 p.m. Mountain bike giveaway drawings
- 6:30 p.m. ASG election results announced

Two lucky students whose names are plucked in a drawing at 5:15 p.m. will be given brand-new mountain bicycles. Drawing tickets will be distributed starting at 4:45 p.m., and winners must be present.

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