



College Report – May 2011

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Student Access to comprehensive academic programs

New scholarship funds – PCC has developed three new scholarships to make higher education more affordable beginning with the fall 2011 semester. They are the Merit Based, for graduating high school seniors with a 3.2 or higher cumulative GPA; the First Generation, for graduating high school seniors for which neither parent has earned a four-year degree or beyond; and the Nontraditional, for new fall semester students who are over 25 years of age. There will be eight \$500 awards for all three scholarships for the fall and spring semesters.

Workforce training employs mobile lab for four-month contract – PCC's Economic & Workforce Training Division is using a mobile learning lab to provide 64 hours of training over four months to 35 employees on the grounds of Midwest Fabrication & Steel. They are receiving training in Shop Math, Blueprint Reading, G-Code, Metrology, and Team Building.

Student Success through high-quality instruction and educational service

Input gathered for new strategic plan – A series of one-hour "Conversation Days" were held at all PCC campuses to gather information from students, staff, faculty, and members of the community to discuss ideas on how PCC can eliminate gaps in excellence. The input will be used to develop a new five-year strategic plan that the college will begin to work on this summer.

Student Success through development of a highly-skilled workforce

Partnership aims to develop leaders – PCC has developed a President's Leadership Program (PLP) certificate that will transfer directly into the existing four-year program at CSU-Pueblo and aims to provide prepared community leaders. The four-semester program will target incoming first-year fall semester students with outstanding high school GPAs and extracurricular activity records.

Re-opened media studio to benefit broadcasting students -- A grand re-opening was held April 26 to celebrate the \$766,000 renovation and expansion of the Center for New Media's broadcasting facility, including a new studio. The project included controlled maintenance upgrades and a 1,500-square-foot expansion. The facility includes a classroom, editing suite, offices, hallway entrance, storage area, and a high-tech studio for staging televised productions conducted by broadcasting students.

SCCC West cosmetology students get real-world training – SCCC cosmetology students are receiving valuable training by providing free beauty treatments twice a month to seniors in the Vista Mesa Assisted Living Residence in Cortez. Services include haircuts, permanents and color treatments.

Earth Day focuses on "going green" careers – The annual Earth Day celebration on April 21 included making information available to students about the Energy Maintenance program, especially the Manufacturing Technology degree component that focuses on solar and wind turbine initiatives. The day included a totally solar-powered concert consisting of five performers.

Student Success through seamless transfer opportunities

SCCC West Campus to provide new option – PCC will expand its Gateway to College dropout-retrieval program to its Southwest Colorado Community College West Campus this fall. Gateway will provide a high school diploma option for students 16 to 20 years old, who simultaneously will earn college credits.

Ensuring operational excellence, health and safety of students

PCC partners to provide Health Fair – PCC partnered with the CU-Denver School of Pharmacy on April 23 to conduct a Health Fair on campus, providing health services for students and community members. Programs and students taking part included Massage Therapy with free chair-side massages, Culinary Arts with oral health instruction, and others that distributed health-related information and giveaways.