



College Report

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Student Access to comprehensive academic programs

Dual enrollment students offered PCC scholarship – Graduating high school seniors who have taken concurrent enrollment courses in their sophomore, junior or senior year have been extended the opportunity to receive a scholarship to attend PCC in the fall semester. The offer, which is renewable for the spring 2011 semester, was made March 11 at an Early Advantage Scholarship Dinner that was attended by the students and their guests in our Fortino Ballroom. The event was hosted by PCC's Office of Recruitment.

SCCC Cosmetology program getting ready to begin – Remodeling work has been completed on the beautiful 1,944-square-foot facility that will soon house the new Cosmetology program at the Southwest Colorado Community College's West Campus in Mancos. Initial classes are expected to begin this semester after instructors are hired.

Students impress Hall of Fame audience – While the focus at the Pueblo Hall of Fame's annual dinner March 5 was on the new inductees, two PCC students made a positive impression on the audience with emotional speeches. Nicole McAlpin and Zach Collier told of how the scholarships provided by contributions to the PCC Foundation have made their education possible and is helping them achieve their career goals. Zach is studying Business Management while Nicole is a mass communications student. Both plan to pursue bachelor degrees after finishing at PCC. The Hall of Fame dinner is one of the PCC Foundation's major fund raisers.

Student Success through development of a high-skilled workforce

Auto students polish skills during safety clinic – PCC students in the Automotive Service Technology Skills USA Club put their knowledge and skills to the test March 29 & 30 by conducting a two-day Safety Inspection Clinic for students, faculty and staff. The inspections had a flat rate of \$15, with customers able to have necessary servicing done for just the cost of parts and a shop equipment fee. The students will use the proceeds to purchase automotive uniforms and participate in the State Skills USA Competition in Denver.

Clinic helps Dental Hygiene students hone techniques – Dental Hygiene program students provided free teeth cleanings to the PCC and Pueblo communities during the annual "mock clinic" that was held March 9. The clinic enabled students to prepare for their final exams while providing a great service. Students serviced patients under the supervision of program staff members.

Interior Design students show off their work – The Pueblo Home & Garden Show in mid-March provided the perfect opportunity for PCC's Interior Design program students to showcase some of their work to the Pueblo community. The students staffed a booth at The Pueblo Home & Garden Show that was attended by hundreds of curious residents. PCC launched the Interior Design program last fall and it is chaired by Jamie Gage.

Students touch souls at recovery house – Social Science students are gaining some clear insights into their future professions. As part of the 45 hours of community service that are required of them, PCC students in instructor Zane Grant's "Into to Social Work Practices" class have been donating useful personal hygiene and other items to individuals staying at the Friendly Harbor recovery house in Pueblo. In March, they took their service to another level by conducting a barbecue for the residents there. So touched were those folks that they quickly produced and signed a huge "thank you" poster and presented it to the students,

Student Success through high-quality instruction & services

Conference gives insights on dealing with learning-challenged students – The Colorado Association for Developmental Education's spring conference, titled "Teaching Students with Unique Learning Challenges" and held at PCC earlier this month, gave faculty, staff and tutors the opportunity to learn new teaching strategies. Nationally-known learning specialists Dr. Paul Nolting and his wife, Kimberly, were the keynote speakers the first day and also gave a free day of training to all interested PCC personnel the second. The conference was facilitated by Learning Center staff.

Art instructor's works part of Capitol exhibit – The quality of PCC's art instructional staff was illustrated when two abstract paintings created by faculty member David McKean were included in a Colorado State Capitol exhibit. The "Practice What You Teach" show features "landscape"-themed works by McKean and several other art faculty from Colorado Community College System colleges. They are on display in the Lt. Governor's office through June 30 as part of the Colorado Council for the Arts' Creative Capitol program, which rotates exhibits at the Capitol.

Seniors use Mini College to gain new skills – Volunteer instructors from PCC staff and the community brought a myriad of expertise to the 25th annual Senior Mini College that was held over spring break at the Fremont Campus. More than 300 senior citizens took advantage of the opportunity by enrolling in classes that ranged from computers, bread baking, decoupage, yoga, retirement planning and more than 100 other topics.

Nursing chair receives prestigious honor – Eva Tapia, who chairs PCC's Nursing program, has been selected a Nightingale Award recipient by the San Luis Valley District 6 Colorado Nurses Association's awards committee. The award is based on demonstrated excellence in human caring in professional practice, and personal and community life, with special attention to areas of leadership, education, clinical care and community involvement. Eva was among a group of nominees honored during a dinner and awards ceremony held at Adams State College. She now is one of 15 finalists for the overall state-wide award to be announced May 1 in Denver.

Pueblo students support expansion proposal – Students at the Pueblo campus supported a referendum to increase student life opportunities and expand the College Center by voting in March to raise their fees for 30 years. Student voting also was conducted at PCC's other campuses, with the SCCC West Campus supporting a referendum to make improvements while similar votes at the Fremont and SCCC East campuses rejected proposals.

Operational Excellence to ensure financial stability & student safety

Fremont Campus fund-raising campaign readied – The "Celebrating Silver – Going for Gold" capital campaign to raise funds for an expansion of the Fremont Campus had a rousing kickoff at a news conference held there March 22. The campaign's theme pays tribute to the 25th annual Senior Mini College that began that day. The planned \$2 million Fremont Campus expansion is needed to accommodate tremendous enrollment growth that has made scheduling classroom time a huge challenge. While pledges of more than \$400,000 had previously been made, nearly \$50,000 in additional donations was pledged during the conference.