



## College Report – December 2010

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### **Student Access to comprehensive academic programs**

**Grant to help consortium of colleges improve education** – PCC is part of the 10-member Southern Colorado Education Consortium that was awarded a \$750,000 Funds for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education grant by the U.S. Department of Education to encourage middle and high school students to continue their education past high school. The two- and four-year colleges and universities will develop models to boost enrollment of potential first-generation college students.

**Students have new bachelor's degree opportunity** – PCC is partnering with Adams State College to offer the an Early Childhood Education bachelor's degree with a non-licensure option through a hybrid model that includes mostly online classes with some weekend classroom time. It is designed for students who have completed an associate degree in Early Childhood Education and want a preschool setting as teachers or leaders without traditional teacher licensure.

**Fremont Campus expansion drive boosted** – More than \$1,200 was raised Nov. 13 when 2 showings of "Camp Amache: The Story of an American Tragedy" drew full houses at PCC's Fremont Campus. Producer and director Don Dexter, Ph.D., and his wife Sandy were on hand to answer questions. Proceeds will go toward the Fremont Campus expansion project.

**PCC students to benefit from Optimist Club endowment** – A \$70,000 gift from the Belmont Optimist Club will endow scholarships for second-year students in Pueblo County who attend either PCC or Colorado State University-Pueblo. The scholarship at PCC will be open to students who graduated from high school or received a GED and are at least in their second semester, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

### **Student Success through development of a highly-skilled workforce**

**SCCC to begin offering Tourism and Guest Relations program** – At the request of local business, PCC has developed a Tourism and Guest Relations mini-certificate program and will begin offering it in January at its Southwest Colorado Community College East Campus in Durango. The program will be comprised of five credits and three courses: customer service, conflict resolution, and introductory hospitality management. Classes will be held two evenings a week and can be completed in 12 weeks.

**Students play key role in ElectriCrittters display** – Students in PCC's SkillsUSA Welding Club are continuing their work for the Pueblo Zoo's annual ElectriCrittters holiday display of lights this year by constructing two new figures. PCC has had a connection with ElectriCrittters for several years, and welding students also operate its Candy Cane Café, earning money that is donated to the Hope for Children Foundation.

### **Student Success through high-quality instruction & services**

**SCCC instructor earns state award** – Melinda Green, a full-time faculty member at the SCCC West Campus in Mancos, has been awarded the 2010 Gold Medal Faculty Award in Computer Information Science from CCCOnline, the Colorado Community College System's online consortium. Green was honored for her exemplary work teaching and developing online computer technology classes. She teaches web design, desktop publishing and Photoshop for CCCOnline.

### **Ensuring operational excellence & student safety**

**Safety Week aims to create awareness** – A Safety Week on the Pueblo campus aimed to help students be safe and healthy by making them aware of situational dangers. The week included the display of a crashed vehicle caused by a drunk driver, the chance to operate a DUI simulator, and a discussion of date rape, date drugs and domestic violence by a panel of local experts.