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New PCC literary & arts publication voted among best in Southwest region

PUEBLO – Not only has a new Pueblo Community College art and literary journal drawn attention to its contributing artists, but the publication has gained notoriety in its own right. “The Final Note” has captured third place among the top such publications in the Community College Humanities Association's (CCHA) Southwestern Division.

"The Final Note" is an 80-page publication that contains original poems, stories, scripts, photographs and pictures of visual works of art, such as paintings and sculptures, from students, faculty and staff from all four PCC campuses. The project was launched in the fall 2009 semester through a collaboration of PCC's English and Art departments.

Its intent was to strengthen social and academic interest in quality art and literature in order to foster a supportive community of artists and writers. Faculty advisors Dave Edwards and Dave McKean of the Fine Arts & Humanities Department and Jamie Patti of the English Department worked with student-editors to gather, evaluate and organize entries for the journal.

Joining those faculty members on the original editorial staff were students Mel Montoya, Rick Stanton, and Liz Rose. Other staff members have been student-editors Frankie Lopez, Andy Nickerson and Tyler Frederick.

They will be honored Oct. 30 at a luncheon that will be held during the CCHA's Southwest Division conference in Houston.

“We know our campus community carries some real talent, but it's such a thrill to know that a national organization recognizes that talent as well,” said Jamie Patti.

Printed copies became available in the spring 2009 semester and were provided to all PCC faculty, staff, and part-time instructors. The second volume of the publication is currently accepting submissions through Oct. 31 and will be available for sale in early December.

CCHA is a national organization that serves to strengthen the humanities in the nation's community colleges.

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