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## **PCC English instructor selected for Teaching with Technology Award**

**PUEBLO** – Luis Nazario was involved with distance learning when higher education was first beginning to use it seriously as a learning option in the mid-1990s. Today, the Pueblo Community College English instructor is being recognized as one of the state's leaders at using high-technology to make education available to more students.

Nazario was notified recently that has been selected to receive the Jerry Wartgow Teaching with Technology Award from the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). He will be honored and presented the award this Wednesday (Feb. 9) during the CCCS President's luncheon meeting that will be held at the Community College of Aurora.

When the CCCS worked to develop the Colorado Electronic Community College in the early 1990s, Nazario got involved in the project. In the fall of 1995, the CCCS honored him with a plaque for being the initiative's main creative force. The electronic college was the forerunner for the creation of the CCCOnline and PCCOnline distance learning initiatives that continue to enroll more students each semester.

Since then, Luis has been even busier in this arena, as he developed the master course shells for PCC's English 090, 121 and 122 English composition courses. His master design for ENG 122 provides the extensive and varied online material for those hybrid courses, which combine online and classroom instruction.

Nazario, who teaches in classroom with wireless laptop computers, trains students to research online and use the Microsoft Word software program. His courses are noted for being easy to navigate and using creative graphics. They are writing-intensive and allow students to take series of quizzes online with automatic grading giving them automatic feedback.

Luis has taught at PCC since 1990 and is the Assistant Chair of the English / Communications Department in addition to his teaching responsibilities. He was selected PCC's Faculty of the Year for the 1994-95 academic year.

He has a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Inter American University in his native Puerto Rico and a master's degree in TESOL (Teacher of English to Students of Other Languages) from New York University.

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