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Doris Kester, the late James Poole to be inducted into Pueblo Hall of Fame

PUEBLO – Two individuals who represent the true ideals of the Pueblo Hall of Fame will be its next inductees at a dinner/banquet that will take place Saturday, March 5, in Pueblo Community College's Fortino Ballroom. Doris Kester and the late James Poole will be honored for their commitment to volunteerism, community service and selfless giving.

The banquet will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. The dinner hour will begin at 7 o'clock and will be followed by the induction program. Providing the induction commentary will be Craig Eliot of NewsFirst 5 TV.

The dress for the PCC Foundation-hosted event is back tie optional, and tickets are \$85 per person, with reservations requiring payment. Reservations can be made by calling 549-3301 and submitting credit card information or by sending a check to the PCC Foundation, 900 W. Orman Ave., AB-194, Pueblo, Co 81004.

Kester is a dyed-in-the-wool Puebloan whose family has been here for three generations. She graduated from Centennial High School and was a middle school teacher in Pueblo for 20 years before retiring. Since 1958, Kester has dedicated her life to civic and community organizations, especially the Girl Scouts. She was inducted into the Centennial Hall of Fame in 2005.

Poole is being honored posthumously for living a passionate life as a teacher, investment advisor, gifted baritone singer and selfless giver, both financially and in service, to the Pueblo community. He was appointed to the five-member Colorado State Insurance Board by Governor Richard Lamm and served as State Treasurer for the Colorado Democratic Party for seven consecutive years. His death in 2008 hasn't diminished the feelings of endearment that family and friends still have for him.

The Pueblo Hall of Fame was established in 1990 to recognize individuals -- both living and deceased -- who have made significant contributions to the betterment of Pueblo. Any member of the Pueblo community may nominate an individual for selection to the Hall. To date, 59 Puebloans have been inducted.

Proceeds from the banquet will be used to fund student scholarships or for college needs that are not available through the general fund. For more information, call Diane Porter at 549-3303.

(NOTE: Biographical attachments included.)

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Founded in 1933, Pueblo Community College is a premier teaching institution focused on providing academic and service excellence to help its students acquire the 21st Century skills needed to better their lives. An educational and technological leader, PCC fosters economic development and utilizes strong partnerships in the communities it serves through its Pueblo, Fremont and Southwest campuses.