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**SCCC Fall Semester to start Monday
with record enrollment, special activities**

DURANGO – Student enrollment at Pueblo Community College’s Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC) has climbed in each of the last three years and this fall’s increase is bigger than last year. There are 446 full- or part-time students enrolled this fall semester, which begins Monday.

“Enrollment is up 30% from this time last year, and last year our enrollment was 21% higher than the year before” said Dr. Lynn Urban, Dean of the Durango (East) Campus. “We are serving more students than ever. Our faculty and staff have put in a tremendous amount of effort to provide excellent service, a welcoming atmosphere, and an increased number of educational options for students in our region.”

For the last few years, the college has added classes and instructors at the request of the community. New offerings this fall are:

- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Intermediate
- Radiologic Technology certificate and associate degree programs
- World Regional Geography
- Part-time Law Enforcement Academy (tentatively will start in October 2010)

Registration for the fall semester has been underway since April 5 and there has been a steady stream of students registering for classes since then. Late registration, with approval, will close Friday, Aug. 27.

Start-of-school activities are planned for next week to welcome and encourage SCCC students:

	Monday 8/23	Tuesday 8/24
8:00 am – 9:00 pm	Free granola bars both days to fuel students into their first classes of the semester	

	Monday 8/23
2:30 pm – 3:15 pm	Ice Cream Social Free ice cream and free T-shirts

In addition to the Durango staff, PCC's Vice President of Learning, Laura Solano, will be attending the Ice Cream Social on Monday afternoon so she can welcome and meet SCCC students.

With the increase in students, parking at SCCC is anticipated to be tight during much of the day. Students are encouraged to carpool, walk, ride a bike or take public transportation to campus.

Registration for the spring semester will begin Monday, Nov. 8. For more information on classes and programs, call: 970.247.2929 or visit: www.EnrollSouthwest.org

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