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**PCC offers expert free help on Feb. 12
to students needing to fill out FAFSA forms**

PUEBLO – Area high school seniors wanting to get money to pay for college have the chance to take the critical first step by taking advantage of a financial aid resource day at Pueblo Community College. On Sunday, Feb. 12, PCC will provide FREE professional help to students and parents filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms online.

The forum will be the sixth annual College Goal Sunday, which will be held from 2 to 4 pm in PCC's Hoag Theatre, which is located in the lower level of the Mike Davis Academic Building. Students will be able to get one-on-one professional help from financial aid experts.

Filling out the FAFSA form is the critical first step for students who plan to pay for college with the help of grants, scholarships, student employment and student loans. It is used by the U.S. Department of Education to determine a student's financial need.

In order to complete the FAFSA form at College Goal Sunday, students and their parents will need their 2011 federal tax records. They should bring the following:

- Social Security number
- Driver's license
- 2011 W-2 forms and other records of money earned
- 2011 untaxed income records - Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, welfare, or veterans benefits records
- 2011 bank statements
- 2011 business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond, and other investment records
- Your alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

Also, if possible, prior to Feb. 12, students should register for a Personal Identification Number (or PIN) at www.pin.ed.gov. This will allow them to electronically file their FAFSA for faster processing.

College Goal Sunday is a Colorado Department of Higher Education state-wide initiative, and PCC is one of 15 locations across Colorado that will be hosting such an event on Feb. 12.

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