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PCC student named legislative liaison for Colorado's community college students

PUEBLO – Pueblo Community College student leader Chris Weaver has always wanted to get involved in politics and now he's going to get an up-front opportunity. The second-year PCC student recently was named the State Student Advisory Council's legislative liaison to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.

Weaver will represent the state's community college students at the monthly CCHE meetings that are rotated at sites across the state and also will attend education-related hearings during the state's next legislative session. His first CCHE meeting will be Nov. 4 at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden. CCHE is a division of the Colorado Department of Education.

"It's a big responsibility and I'm excited about it," said Weaver about his selection. "I've always loved politics, and this is another chance for me to get my feet wet in it. Students need to have a voice, and I'll be able to bring their concerns to the legislative body."

Weaver currently serves as Vice President of Associated Student Government and is its State Student Advisory Council representative. While previously attending Pueblo West High School, he served on Student Council, was a member of the marketing-based DECA organization for whom he competed in a national competition, participated in the TeenCERT community emergency response team, and founded a chapter of the Friends of Rachel Club, whose members perform acts of kindness and compassion in remembrance of Rachel Joy Scott, the first Columbine shooting victim.

Those leadership skills contributed to his being selected in April 2009 to receive the Kane Family Foundation scholarship to attend PCC and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. The scholarship covers up to five years of educational expenses, culminating with a bachelor's degree at UCCS after he completes his Associate of Arts degree at PCC.

At UCCS, Weaver plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in leadership.

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