



College Report – September 2011

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Student Access to comprehensive academic programs

Students learn about academic career paths – New students had an opportunity to explore PCC's programs of study and resulting careers during the Educational Pathways Fair that was held Aug. 4. Those who began enrolling for Fall Semester classes at the Fair had their registration and Accuplacer fees waived, received transfer information and advising, and were entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 scholarship, which went to Lesley Thompson, a single mom who hopes to study Radiologic Technology.

Scholarships make college more affordable – Financing their education for the 2011-2012 academic year got easier recently for seven PCC students. Two were awarded Parkview Foundation scholarships. Bradi Vega was selected for a healthcare scholarship and Lorraine Martinez a nursing scholarship. They were among several who received a total of \$37,500, ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Meanwhile, the Credit Union of Colorado selected these five PCC students for scholarships based on community service, a GPA of 2.5 or higher and financial need -- Carol Martinez (\$1,500), Bethany Montoya (\$1,500), Michael Montiel (\$1,500), LeAnne McDonald (\$750) and Caitlyn Holt (\$750).

Student Success through high-quality instruction and educational service

Machining program featured in industry magazine – The machining lab at PCC, located in the Gorsich Advanced Technology Center, is the subject of a major article with photos in the September 2011 issue of "Home Shop Machinist," a national trade magazine for the industry. Written by R. Lane Maxwell, a PCC student and a retired registered professional engineer, the article praises the lab for being an ideal facility and having modern, state-of-the-art machinery for training students.

Three from PCC selected for AMI Institute – Three members of the PCC team have been chosen to participate in the 2011-2012 regional American Management Institute, an organization that fosters leadership skills through seminars, idea exchange and collaborative projects for women. Selected were Cindy Graham, Reading Department Chair; Carriann Martinez, Director of Recruitment; and Gloryann Linch, Administrative Assistant at PCC's Southwest Colorado Community College's East Campus.

Tipton impressed by PCC's technical training – U.S. Rep. Scott Tipton visited our Pueblo campus on Aug. 26 and was given a tour of the Gorsich Advanced Technology Building by John Vukich, Dean of the Economic and Workforce Development Division. Tipton left tremendously impressed with both the GATC, especially the machining area and the submerged welding area used to train Vestas employees, and PCC's mobile learning labs.

Students take the first step to success – The Fall Semester began with the traditional Celebration Walk that has become symbolic of our students taking the first step on their journey to career success. It was preceded by an outdoor program, including an official city proclamation reading. PCC is privileged to serve its 6,500 + students (unduplicated headcount) at four campuses in Southern and Southwestern Colorado.

Student Success through development of a high-skilled workforce

Udall visits during manufacturing forum – U.S. Senator Mark Udall was on hand Aug. 18 for a luncheon of the Southern Colorado Manufacturing Group that was given an update on a proposal to develop a manufacturing innovation center at PCC. Udall spoke briefly about how the group's goal of creating skilled manufacturing workers fits into the current administration's quest for job creation.

PCC students' visual arts skills on display -- The lessons learned by five PCC students enrolled in the "Business of Visual Arts" class this summer were showcased at the Fine Arts Exhibition at the Colorado State Fair. The students handled all of the tasks involved with receiving the artwork, planning the layout and displaying them. Two of them managed the exhibit throughout the 11-day State Fair.