



College Report – December 2011

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Student Access to comprehensive academic programs

Polysomnography program gains accreditation – PCC's Polysomnographic Technology certificate program has been nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, making it the only such accredited college program in Colorado and one of only 40 in the country. PCC began offering the program in the fall of 2010 and had its first graduates this past summer

High school students get insights about colleges – A College Fair at PCC drew more than 500 high school students from the two Pueblo school districts as well as schools in outlying areas. They were able to visit with representatives from 33 colleges and universities, including PCC, about enrolling, academic programs, financial aid, athletics opportunities, transferring procedures, etc.

Students show appreciation to donors – Students Bethany Montoya and Anthony Atencio delivered speeches thanking contributors for their scholarships during the PCC Foundation's Donor Appreciation Dinner that was held November 4 in the Fortino Ballroom. The event included the induction of Dr. Eric & Linda Carlson along with the late Marvin Knudson into the President's Circle. The Carlsons have been long-time supporters of PCC, while Knudson was a former president of both Pueblo Junior College and Southern Colorado State College, both forerunners to PCC.

Student Success through high-quality instruction and educational service

English instructors get revised textbook published – Students in Basic Composition and English Composition I courses will use the "Bridges to Better Writing" textbook that was authored by their own English instructors. Wadsworth Cengage Learning published the revised text that was first written by Debbie Borchers, Bill Lewis and Luis Nazario in 2009 and updated during the past year. The text is aimed at helping students make the transition between basic and college writing, and it is available nationally.

Student Success through development of a high-skilled workforce

Culinary Arts students learning by doing – Special events held at PCC gave Culinary Arts students some excellent real-world experience. They teamed with theater students to create a Renaissance atmosphere at the Knight of the Feast on Nov. 12. They prepared a feast for 390 community members Nov. 20 at the Grand Buffet, which served as the semester capstone event. In addition, students present a gourmet, five-course American Regional Dinner to the community each Wednesday evening.

Welding students help light ElectriCrittters display – Students in the SkillsUSA Welding Club are continuing their work for the Pueblo Zoo's annual ElectriCrittters holiday display of lights this year. They constructed a huge new dragon that is part of 145 lighted animal sculptures, many of them animated and most of which have been created by PCC's students. They also operate the concession stand there.

Broadcasting students provide community service – Students in the Center for New Media program broadcast the annual Pueblo Parade of Lights for replay on the Channel 19 community cable television channel that is operated by PCC. The program will be replayed daily through the end of the year.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts huge class – A record number of 70 students got on track to develop leadership, exchange ideas and demonstrate academic excellence after being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honors society. The keynote speaker was State Representative Keith Swerdfeger.

Student Success through transfer opportunities

Students encouraged to continue education – In an effort to increase the number of community college students who transfer to a four-year college or university, the "4 Year 4 You" tour made a stop at PCC in November to raise awareness about transfer resources that are available. Main items promoted were guaranteed admissions to four-year schools, dual enrollment, and transfer programs.