



College Report – April 2011

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Student Access to comprehensive academic programs

Hall of Fame boosts scholarship fund – The PCC Foundation's scholarship fund was augmented on March 5 when the annual Pueblo Hall of Fame banquet was held. The Hall of Fame honors individuals who by their extraordinary efforts have contributed to the betterment or enhancement of Pueblo. New inductees were community service advocates Doris Kester and the late James Poole. Event proceeds are used for scholarships and certain college needs.

Fremont Campus founders recognized, Heritage Hall dedicated – The 21 original founders of the PCC Fremont Campus were honored March 21 when an Emeritus Celebration was held in the Learning Resource Center. Founders were presented with a special PCC Gold Card that enables them to attend any PCC function free of charge. Following the program, attendees walked across the hall to the enrollment center to view the new Heritage Hall that pays tribute to the people that made possible both higher education in the region and the permanent building.

Veterans learn about available services – Area veterans learned about the myriad of services, educational opportunities, health care and jobs that are available to them during a Veterans Resource Fair that was held March 26 in PCC's Hoag Theatre. Representatives of veterans programs from around the state and Pueblo gave a series of presentations. The event was hosted by the offices of Colorado Senators Mark Udall and Michael Bennet and 3rd Congressional District Representative Scott Tipton.

Student Success through high-quality instruction and educational service

Leadership Pueblo group learns about PCC – Community members interested in developing leadership skills visited PCC as members of the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce's 2011 Leadership Pueblo class on March 21 to learn about educational opportunities. The group was welcomed and shown a video of PCC before being taken on a tour of the campus.

Student Success through development of a highly-skilled workforce

Tax Help program sharpens students' skills – Fifteen PCC accounting students prepared 278 income tax returns worth a total of \$555,731 in refunds while participating in the Piton Foundation's five-week Tax Help Colorado program. The initiative enabled the students to develop both tax return preparation and customer service skills.

300 attend Job Fair & Career Expo – Approximately 300 students and community members learned about local job opportunities and PCC's technical academic programs at the Technical Job Fair & Career Expo that was held March 11 at PCC. Representatives from 13 regional employers and eight PCC technical programs were available.

Program to develop student leaders – Students have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by applying to serve as leaders for the new student orientation sessions that will be held in May, July and August prior to the start of the fall semester. Only the best students will be accepted, and a two-week training program is required.

Interior Design students get look at real world – Interior Design students enrolled in the Commercial Design class practiced their visual merchandising and design techniques at the Ten Spot business in Pueblo. Students learned how to arrange a retail store to make it more functional and visually appealing to customers.

Ensuring operational excellence & student safety

Webinar discusses mental health issues – The Center for Teaching Excellence & Academic Leadership initiative offered a webinar titled "Suicide, Social Problems and Anxiety: Managing Mental Health Issues on Campus" was offered as a faculty and staff development opportunity.