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Fulfilling the PCC Promise!
A note from the President

Higher education is grappling with how to deal with a constantly changing environment. Our response has been to realign resources, restructure to ensure that our teaching and learning are relevant, expand our markets and keep up with rapid technological development.

Our team of administrators, faculty and staff is constantly driven to reinvigorate and reinvent our role in the communities we serve. There is an art to balancing theory with hands-on practice, creating instructional materials at the right level, setting the right pace and making the entire academic experience engaging.

Pueblo Community College is a student-centric institution. We strive to be agile in our efforts to respond to the ever-changing world of higher education and deliver on the key initiatives identified in our strategic plan, Destination 2022. As author Ken Robinson said, “The concept of agility in teaching and learning nicely captures the idea that education has to be active, nimble and responsive. It conveys a sense of vitality rather than passivity.”

As you read through this publication of our Quality Highlights, I am confident you will recognize that we are curious and tackle problems with passion. We at PCC believe that creativity is not an option; it is an absolute necessity. We have added new programs, expanded existing ones and redesigned our delivery methods. There is tremendous value in a PCC degree or certificate.

We remain steadfast in our belief that all students should have access to an affordable opportunity to achieve their academic goals. Equity, diversity and inclusion are woven into the fabric of our core values as we pursue opportunities to narrow the achievement gap. Our students are worth it.

This publication of the PCC 2019 Quality Highlights is, in essence, an accountability report to you, our community constituents. It is intended to update you about the continuous, systematic and quality improvements that have been realized by the college over the past academic year, all in the name of student success. To follow our progress, I invite you to visit our website, pueblocc.edu, and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Remember: We are your community college.

Dr. Patricia Erjavec
President, Pueblo Community College

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Category 1: Helping Students Learn

- **Department of Education grant** – PCC received a five-year, $2.4 million Title V grant from the US Department of Education. The program that will be funded by the grant is called Providing Opportunity for Diverse Educational Roles (PODER). Funds will be used at all PCC locations to help increase Hispanic and high-needs student retention and graduation rates and promote transfer to four-year institutions.

- **Culinary competition** – The Culinary Arts program hosted the third annual Mary Jane Voelker Invitational in March. Students from PCC and PPCC, as well as individual competitors from Colorado Springs, Denver and Laramie, Wyo., participated in the American Culinary Federation-sanctioned event and received valuable feedback on their creations. The students and professionals competed against a national benchmark in categories including cold food platters, sugar showpieces, contemporary hot food and celebration cakes. The event judges are certified executive chefs or certified master chefs who travel throughout the country. The competition is made possible through the generosity of local PCC supporter Mary Jane Voelker.

- **La Calle grant** – As a cooperative partner with CSU-Pueblo, PCC will receive $449,271 of a $3.75 million, five-year grant from the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institution Program of the US Department of Education. La Calle – Communities Achieving Lifelong Learning Engagement – will focus on establishing transfer offices and expanding student retention programs at both schools, updating articulation agreements and establishing models for campus-community collaborations, professional development and student support services.
Fremont Campus lab renovations – The PCC Fremont Campus celebrated the renovation of its nursing and biology labs in February. Two classrooms were turned into one large nursing lab, allowing all nursing students to attend at the same time. The renovation also included new lighting, storage rooms and equipment such as hospital beds, simulation mannequins and biology lab materials. In all, the project cost $1.2 million and includes the salaries for a full-time biology instructor and full-time simulation lab coordinator for two years. The renovations were made possible through the generosity of longtime PCC supporter Walter Schepp (pictured in the center).

- **Student success coaches** – As a result of three major grants, PCC has a new team of 11 student success coaches to help students weather any setbacks that may impede their path to graduation. The goal of the grants is to improve student retention and graduation rates.

- **Civil rights attorney visits** – Noted Latino and civil rights attorney Mo Jourdane shared the story of his representation of California’s migrant farm workers in the 1970s during a March 26 visit to PCC. Jourdane worked to ban the use of the short-handle hoe. In 1975, the California State Supreme Court ruled the implement was an “unsafe hand tool” and its use was banned.

- **Co-curricular activities** – Co-curricular activities are an important part of the PCC experience. Students and community members enjoyed excellent speakers in the Stars of STEM, Tech Tuesday and Science Thursday series; library workshops that explained the many reference resources available on campus; study skills workshops in the Learning Center; guest speakers on topics ranging from Buddhism to financial literacy; and National Hispanic Heritage Month performances brought to campus by the Diversity Activities Committee.
Category 2:

Meeting Student and Other Key Stakeholder Needs

• **Durango site opens** – Through a partnership with Durango School District 9-R, PCC opened a site at Durango High School in August 2018. Concurrent enrollment students and community members can take classes in a dedicated wing of the school.

• **Partnership with Bayfield school district** – PCC and the Bayfield School District are partnering to offer college courses to Bayfield High School students and community members starting this fall. PCC will offer general education courses for high school students and the community at the former location of Bayfield Primary School. Classes will be offered face-to-face on site and at Bayfield High School, as well as through virtual classrooms and online instruction.

**PCC leases space at St. Mary-Corwin for health programs** – PCC will lease space at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center to provide room for the expansion of PCC’s nursing, surgical technology, radiologic technology, medical assisting, respiratory therapy, occupational therapy assistant and physical therapist assistant programs, as well as its simulation center, learning labs, human anatomy lab and science lab. The project has the potential to provide expanded education, workforce development and job creation opportunities while helping to revitalize Pueblo’s Bessemer and Minnequa Heights neighborhoods.
• **More than 1,400 graduate** – PCC awarded degrees and certificates to 1,439 graduates in May. The commencement ceremony for Pueblo and Fremont campus students was held May 10 at the Southwest Motors Events Center on the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Pueblo native Kelsey Martinez, the first female assistant coach for the Oakland Raiders football team, was the featured commencement speaker. Ceremonies for the Southwest Campus in Mancos and the Durango Site were held May 11 at Montezuma-Cortez High School. PCC President Patty Erjavec addressed the graduates.

• **$249,000 award for STEM education** – A major research award from the National Science Foundation will be used to expand STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education offerings for Hispanic and low-income students at PCC. PCC – the only Colorado school to receive the award – will receive $249,445 over a three-year period for its project, “Los Futuros de STEM (STEM Futures): Building Student Success in STEM.” The NSF funded 31 projects at Hispanic-Serving Institutions throughout the United States and Puerto Rico with the goal of building capacity and increasing retention and graduation rates for STEM students at those institutions.

• **Entrepreneurial grant** – A $519,000 federal grant is part of a $1.7 million project that will support an innovative entrepreneurial ecosystem in southern Colorado. The Southern Colorado Innovation Link (SCIL), sponsored by PCC, was awarded the grant as part of the Regional Innovation Strategies Program run by the US Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. Through PCC’s Pueblo Corporate College, the money will support the SCIL – a collaboration of more than 20 diverse organizations that help entrepreneurs with all aspects of business development.

• **PCC Southwest/Ute Mountain Ute partnership** – PCC’s Southwest campus is partnering with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to offer free CNA and EMS training to qualified individuals. Students who qualify are able to take the seven-week courses, allowing them to enter the workforce sooner. The program is funded by a Health Profession Opportunity Grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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Category 3: Valuing Employees

- **Advocate of the Year** – David Siguenza was named the State Student Advisory Council and Colorado Community College System Advocate of the Year for his service to PCC students. He was recognized at the CCCS Rising Star luncheon in April. Siguenza, who also is a PCC graduate, is a student success coach and the advisor for PCC’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

- **Luminary Award winner** – PCC Nursing Division Dean Paula Kirchner was named a regional Luminary Award recipient by the Colorado Nurses Foundation.

- **Daniels Ethics Champions** – Renee Gust, faculty member in early childhood education, and Valerie Switzer, director of professional development, will represent PCC as Daniels Fund Ethics Champions in the 2019-20 academic year. They will take part in activities organized through the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs. The program provides ethics-based education and reinforces the value of ethical business and personal conduct.

- **Springs Business Journal award** – PCC took first-place honors in the Colorado Springs Business Journal’s 2019 Best in Business voting for best place to work in Pueblo. The Southern Colorado Small Business Development Center, part of PCC’s Corporate College, tied for third place. In the workforce development category, the SBDC placed second and PCC took third.

**Employees of the Year** – PCC’s 2018 Employees of the Year were recognized Jan. 10 at the Employee Appreciation Breakfast and Spring Kickoff. The winners were Shirley Carey, classified employee of the year; Benjamin Kwitek, part-time instructor of the year; Shawna Tracy, faculty of the year; and Rebecca Wasil, administrative/professional/technical employee of the year.
Category 4:

Planning and Leading

- **New bachelor degree programs** – PCC added two more bachelor degree programs to its offerings – a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Applied Science in respiratory therapy. Both are completion degrees for those who already have two-year degrees in those disciplines. Both bachelor programs are taught online in order to accommodate working professionals. PCC also offers bachelor completion programs in dental hygiene and radiologic technology.

- **PLP students and Destination Imagination** – For several years, members of PCC’s President’s Leadership Program have served as managers for local Destination Imagination teams. Several of those teams have qualified for state. PCC is the site of DI’s annual regional competition.

- **Southwest Campus dean named** – Dr. Samuel “Sam” Dosumu was named the new executive dean of PCC’s Southwest. Dosumu has an extensive background in higher education administration, particularly with community colleges. He most recently served as associate vice chancellor of academic affairs with the Maricopa County Community College District in Tempe, Ariz.


- **Xcel grant for STEM education** – PCC received a $10,000 Xcel Energy grant to fund student tours of STEM employers throughout the region. Students were able to visit places such as United Launch Alliance and Eurofins VRL Laboratory. The grant has been renewed for the 2019-20 school year so more tours are on the horizon.

- **Mobile labs featured in New York Times** – PCC’s Mobile Learning Labs were featured in a New York Times article about mobile learning opportunities. The article also included
quotes from the leader of pewag Traction Chain, one of PCC’s workforce partners, about the benefits of the program for his company.

• New paramedic-to-nurse program – In response to the growing nursing shortage in Colorado, PCC started a paramedic-to-ADN (associate degree in nursing) program. PCC is the only community college in Colorado – and the only one within 400 miles – to offer the program.

• Gateway to College recognition – PCC’s Gateway to College program once again exceeded national benchmarks in multiple areas. GTC is a program for students ages 17-20 who may not have had success in other learning environments. They may earn college credit while earning their high school diploma.

PCC, NextEra Energy Resources announce partnership – Representatives of PCC and NextEra Energy Resources announced an academic partnership that will create a living laboratory for renewable energy at PCC. NextEra Energy Resources delivered and will install 52 photovoltaic solar panels to create a 20-kilowatt solar energy system on campus. NEER also will provide training and curriculum to help the college create a pipeline of skilled workers for the rapidly evolving industry. According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, solar panel installer is the fastest-growing job in the country.
Category 5:

Knowledge Management & Resource Stewardship

- **TRIO celebration** – Students, faculty and staff members celebrated the 50th anniversary of the TRIO program in December. TRIO has been at PCC since 1990 and in 2018-19 the program was at capacity with 220 students. TRIO is a group of federal outreach and student service programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

- **Shield616 donation** – Shield616 and the local ABC TV affiliate, KRDO, helped provide the PCC police department with $10,000 worth of new protective gear. Shield616 works with communities to raise money to purchase protective equipment and trauma kits for first responders throughout Colorado and in other states.

$50,000 grant from Xcel – PCC received a $50,000 grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation that will fund a solar lab faculty position for PCC’s renewable energy program. Ben Fowke, chairman, president and CEO of Xcel Energy, announced the award during a visit to Pueblo. The money will be used to retain experts in the solar industry as instructors for the school’s new program.
Category 6:
Quality Overview

• Behavioral health services added – PCC students and employees now can utilize the services of an on-campus licensed clinical psychologist. Dr. Jill Pollock sees clients at the PCC Health Clinic. She has more than 20 years in private practice and specializes in depression, PTSD and anxiety disorders.

• PCC student awarded prestigious STEM scholarship - PCC student Ty Ridings was one of only 200 students in the United States to be awarded the Lockheed Martin STEM scholarship. More than 6,300 people applied. Ridings graduated in May from PCC with a pre-engineering degree and will transfer to the Colorado School of Mines this fall to complete his degree in mechanical engineering.

• PCC cyber security team places 15th in national competition – A group of students from PCC took 15th place in a recent national cybersecurity competition that included more than 600 teams. PCC took part in the National Cyber League competition against two- and four-year colleges from throughout the United States. Cyber Security Program Director Tim Gama was the coach. There were 192 teams each in three brackets – gold, silver and bronze – and 626 total teams. Out of those 626, PCC team We Don’t Byte finished 15th overall and won the silver, or intermediate, bracket.
• **PTK Academic Team awardees** – Students Barbara Wilson and Frederic Schmid were named PCC’s Phi Theta Kappa All-Colorado Academic Team representatives. Schmid, a concurrent enrollment student, plans to transfer to Colorado State University-Fort Collins to double major in mechanical engineering and music performance. Wilson will transfer to the University of Northern Colorado to study audiology-speech language sciences. She also was named a Phi Theta Kappa Colorado Gold Scholar and was selected for the PTK All-USA Academic Team.

• **Corporate College award** – PCC’s Pueblo Corporate College won the 2018 Exemplary Program Award (non-credit category) from the National Council for Workforce Education. The award was for PCC’s Mobile Learning Labs. PCC President Patty Erjavec, Corporate College Executive Director Amanda Corum and Business and Advanced Technology Dean Jenny Sherman attended the NCWE conference in Florida to accept the honor.

• **CDHE director visit** – Angie Paccione, executive director of the Colorado Department of Higher Education, toured PCC on March 26. She learned about the manufacturing and STEM programs and Mobile Learning Labs before visiting El Movimiento, the history exhibit housed in the PCC Library. Paccione also spoke with Gateway to College students about their experiences.

**“El Movimiento” opens** – A large crowd was on hand for the September opening of “El Movimiento: The Chicano Movement in Colorado and Pueblo.” Thanks to a collaboration with History Colorado, the Pueblo campus is the new permanent home for this important piece of Pueblo history. It’s located on the second floor of the PCC library and is open to the public.
Our Mission

- Pueblo Community College transforms lives, enriches communities, and strengthens the regional economy by empowering individual achievement through a continuum of education.

Our Vision

- Pueblo Community College is the first choice for success.

Our Core Values

- Achievement:
  We embrace a diverse student body attending our institution of higher education and support all individuals in attaining high-quality postsecondary credentials across our academic disciplines. Through our retention efforts across the college, we work to keep students engaged and focused on completing their coursework to become highly skilled professionals and gain the most from their educational pursuits to achieve success in the workforce by meeting the demands of a global economy.

- Excellence:
  We embrace continuous quality improvement and innovation in all areas of the institution. We deliver high-quality programs and services that respond to the needs of the communities we serve and prepare students for success in an ever-changing, diverse, and global workplace.

- Integrity:
  We advance our mission ethically and responsibly. We value fair and equitable treatment, participatory decision making and transparent resource management. We have an organizational culture that inspires high performance and accountability for behaviors, actions, and results in a collaborative spirit.

- Respect:
  We provide a safe, caring, and supportive environment conducive to the success and well-being of students, faculty and staff. We welcome diversity of backgrounds and opinions, recognize individual talents, encourage personal and professional growth, celebrate accomplishments, and honor institutional traditions.

- Scholarship:
  We value and promote student, faculty, and staff scholarship. We strive to create a student-centered learning environment that cultivates critical and creative thinking, problem solving, intellectual inquiry, and global awareness. Through continuing development, we expect faculty and staff to be productive workers, responsible decision makers, and servant leaders. We believe that scholarship should occur in all organizational levels through knowledge sharing and effective communication.

- Teamwork:
  We believe inclusive cooperative relationships are critical to the vitality and long term success of our institution. We strategically pursue mutually beneficial partnerships to help students learn and advance other institutional priorities. We encourage active collaboration within and between departments and operational areas. We believe in the importance of nurturing student-to-student and student-to-faculty/staff interactions as a means of promoting student success.
To always recognize and greet you with a smile
To listen to you and respond to your needs
To link you to resources to ensure academic success
To respect and value you
To celebrate your accomplishments and successes
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