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What an exciting time

this is for Pueblo Community College! We've got record enrollment this fall, we are playing a key role in driving the economies in our eight-county service areas by producing skilled workers through our training and academic programs, and we have positioned ourselves to have access to robust opportunities that are beginning to be made possible through federal stimulus dollars. Let's take a quick look at these items.

Our enrollment for the fall semester is literally off the charts. As of mid-September, our full-time enrollment was more than 22 percent, and we are now serving close to 6,500 students in our eight-county service areas across southern Colorado. Students are turning to PCC to get the skills they need to qualify for the good jobs that still exist today.

You could say that the economy is the main reason for that enrollment surge, but that's only part of the story. Many students also are choosing to come back home to PCC because it's such a huge cost savings. By attending PCC for two years, students can save about two-thirds off what it would cost to start at a four-year school, then transfer there to pursue a bachelor's degree.

Another reason for our enrollment rise is the growth in our dual enrollment programs, especially high school students who are in Pueblo Early College. When it started three years ago, the Early College program had 30 students. Last year it increased to 136. This fall, it has skyrocketed to 283.

I'd say another significant factor in our enrollment picture can be tied to improvements we've made on campus to create a positive learning environment. Things like turning our cafeteria into a bohemian coffee café, modernizing our library, and making our Learning Center more comfortable and student-friendly are making a difference. The word has gotten out that PCC is a cool place to hang out.

Thanks to the support from community members and our alumni, we have been able to stay on the cutting edge of technology in our education delivery methods. That's one reason why we have experienced an 85 percent increase in students taking online classes this fall. At the same time, contributions to our Foundation enable us to keep our academic programs current and our facilities modern.

But let's face it — our students are here first to get an education so they can get jobs. Like other community colleges, PCC is able to help people acquire skills and get into the workforce quickly. Hence, our health programs are full. So are our energy maintenance, industrial technology and solar energy classes. Students know these are where the current and future jobs are.

Our Economic and Workforce Training Division is extremely busy. It has begun training employees to work at the soon-to-open Vestas Wind Towers plant, and as many as 550 will go through our program in the coming months. We have used a \$2 million federal grant to produce three more mobile learning labs and now have four that can be used to train workers on site, a novel concept.

We also have entered into a partnership with Pueblo County's Department of Housing and Human Services office to use federal stimulus grant money to provide job training to unemployed and low-income workers in one of nine career fields initially. This is an outstanding way to help people qualify for jobs in our community!

I cannot stress enough how appreciative we are of the support we have received from donors. Without you, we would never be able to deliver the educational services that we do today. This support was reflected recently in the generous contributions by the Tom Healy and Marvin Knudson estates. The PCC family and its friends extend our deepest sympathies to the families of these educational champions and appreciate their vision and commitment to PCC.



JD GARVIN
PCC President

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Community

a unified body of individuals; an interacting population of various kinds of individuals; a group linked by location or common social, economic, and cultural values.

Pueblo is a classic "community." More than a sentimental aphorism, investing in our Foundation is truly an investment in yourself, your family, your community, and your country. We are all connected.

The following pages in this edition of Legacy highlight the many programs and initiatives offered by your Community College whether in Cortez, Mancos, Durango, Fremont and Custer counties, or Pueblo. We also share in this edition the many inspirational stories of students,

faculty, alumni, and community members who understand the impact of investing in others, whether through gifts, notable achievements, or a life well lived. Why do we put forth so much effort? To what end do we toil? We work to elevate our students for by doing so we elevate ourselves and thus we elevate our "community."

Recently, Pueblo welcomed VESTAS with much fanfare (pun intended). It seems every year or so we are able to recruit a significant employer. Much credit is due to our elected officials as well as the dedicated citizens who offer their time in the service of PEDCO. A critical partner in economic development, PCC nimbly created curricula required to train and redeploy the workforce, ensuring success for the employer and the newly trained employees. We are all proud of PCC and the citizens of Pueblo who continually demonstrate the commitment necessary to adapt successfully in our new dynamic global economy.

The College and the Foundation continue to embrace new technology as well; enrollment in PCC Online has increased over 241% year over year. Overall tri-campus enrollment was more than 22%! The Fremont Campus and Southwest Colorado Community College of PCC are literally bursting. PCC's partnership with local school districts allows high school students the ability to simultaneously obtain an associate's degree and their H.S. diploma at no cost to the student! A great product; a great value; conveniently located for our population; and marketed aggressively which has yielded the results we all desire. A highly educated citizenry ensures our community's future well being.

While the financial markets suffered mightily this past year, our Foundation was able to weather the storm better than most. We realized a net loss of 24.85% (a detailed financial report is included herein for your review); meanwhile, two prestigious Ivy League Foundations lost 40% or more; Colorado Foundations on average lost 30% of their net worth during this recent market correction. Despite the headwinds we faced, the Foundation funded over \$363,000 in scholarships this past academic year. We also allocated funds for more than \$462,000 in support of new programs and initiatives to serve our students. The Foundation's metal has been tested, and thanks to the dedication of our staff and board members we have emerged stronger and more resolute to succeed in meeting our future challenges.

This year we continued to focus on streamlining our operations and reducing costs by over \$200,000. Kathy McHugh executed numerous efficiencies while board member Ted Trani led an effort yielding many process improvements. Our new "paperless" and much more user friendly "NEXTGEN" scholarship software has tripled the number of applicants seeking scholarship assistance. Special thanks to our Scholarship Committee and Administrative Staff Member Bianca Flores. Their dedication and effort enabled us to handle the increased work load without increasing costs, awarding over \$186,000 in scholarships to 92 students this upcoming year!

The Foundation works hard to fulfill our mission which is to provide the financial support necessary to enable the College to achieve its goals. Your gift, estate donation, pledge, trust or investment will be maximized to ensure our students are able to elevate our community. While the Foundation's effort is akin to running a marathon, our College and her students are perennially at a full sprint. Please consider this when you see our board members in public this year; they may appear proper and cool, but rest assured when you don't see them they too are sprinting to ensure this Foundation is able to fund the next initiative required for PCC and the community. ■

planned giving tips

consider a Charitable Remainder Trust

You can donate your rental property, continue to earn the rental income, and receive a tax deduction for the gift of property now. How you ask?

With a Charitable Remainder Trust!

Jack decided to bequeath a percentage of an apartment complex he owned to the PCC Foundation by designating the institution within his will. After his death, the monthly rental revenue or the proceeds of the sale of the complex would be restricted for PCC scholarships.

During one of our conversations, Jack stated that since his retirement, he pays more in income tax than when he was working. He is now in his eighties.

I told Jack there is a way that he can receive tax incentives by donating the apartment complex to the PCC Foundation now by placing it in a Trust, continue to earn the monthly rental revenue, and receive a tax deduction for the donation now. He can do that with a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT); an arrangement in which property or money is donated to a charity, but the donor/grantor continues to use the property and/or receive income from it while living. Jack or any of his designated beneficiaries can continue to receive the rental income and PCC would receive the principal or the property and the rental income after a specified period of time or at the time of death.

Jack would avoid any capital gains tax on the donated assets, and he receives an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the remainder interest that the trust earned. In addition, the asset is removed from the estate, reducing subsequent estate taxes. It is important to note that Jack must remember that his contribution is irrevocable. He can't change his mind.

For more information on Charitable Remainder Trusts and how they can work for your situation, contact Diane Porter at 719.549.3303, or your CPA or Attorney.



DIANE PORTER
PCC Foundation
Executive Director

consider an IRA Charitable Rollover: IRA rollovers are restored

Older Americans are once again able to contribute directly to public charities from their individual retirement accounts, thanks to a provision in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (H.R. 1424), signed into law on October 3, 2008. The IRA Charitable Rollover Tax (CRT) Incentive, which is available through 2009, allows individuals aged 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) and Roth IRAs to public charities without having to count the distributions as taxable income.

Personal example: Dave and Marianne Cardinal decided that withdrawing funds from their IRA for personal reasons would have added to their annual income and that amount would have been heavily taxed. However, once they learned about the CRT Incentive provisions explained above, they decided the funds would be used best to help students with their education at PCC. Through their IRA, Dave and Marianne designated a \$5,000 gift toward their own Cardinal Family Scholarship, a fund created years ago.



PCC donors Dave and Marianne Cardinal

providing educational access to **ALL** generations



Kids' College students put their newly acquired mechanical engineering skills to work.

The pulse

that runs through the veins of Pueblo Community College (PCC) has a strong, regular rhythm. It is felt as you walk through the campus buildings and stroll the campus grounds. It is vibrant and alive with activity. This pulse is the community. At PCC, "community" is more than a word. It's true; PCC provides quality academic programs for individuals interested in transferring to four-year institutions. PCC also has exceptional state certified programs in our health and vocational fields. But on any given day, you will find PCC centered on the communities it serves. It is on this foundation that PCC builds and provides excellent academic programs that meet the needs of everyone from our local employers, to our seniors, and to our most valuable asset and community treasure—our children.

"My granddaughter takes classes every summer, not because we want her to but because she loves it! We have always expressed the importance of going to college, and Kids' College makes it a reality for her. She is comfortable on the college campus and with the college staff. I love that this is available in my community. I bring her every summer from Denver to participate."

- Mrs. Vivian Griego,
grandparent of repeat
Kids' College student

This is evident every summer at the Pueblo campus with the Kids' College Program. This premier series of classes provides over 100 different courses based on a variety of topics and interests. In June, the campus pulsates as miniature college students move from class to class and building to building exploring college life. The students eat lunch at Pueblo Joe's, run on the green lawns, and meet new friends. In essence, they own the campus for five weeks every summer. But more importantly, they discover themselves and the importance of an education.

Full and part-time PCC staff and faculty participate in providing quality educational activities in a fun and safe environment. Classes are geared toward teaching our youth that learning is the foundation on which to build success. The Culinary Arts department grooms future chefs with "Kids in the Kitchen." The Automotive department showcases how a love for cars can turn into a career. The Math and Science Departments open the biology and anatomy labs to assist youth in discovering the magic of numbers and unlocking the mysteries of science. The drama, dance, and art instructors illustrate that imagination is a great quality and that talent comes in different packages.

PCC taps into its own talented staff and also seeks exceptional teachers from local schools whose first love is to inspire. These individuals bring expertise to the program. That expertise may be in kinetic energy, elements of the rainforest, or skateboarding. PCC taps the diverse talents within Pueblo's instructional community to motivate our youth.

“Some of my best college students started here in the Kids’ College Program. It’s exciting to have students who watch the popular car shows on TV attend Kids’ College and give them a real automotive experience at a young age.”

- Jim Torres, PCC Automotive Collision Department Chair and Faculty

“I learned about Collision Technology in the PCC summer Youth Programs. I am now enrolled in the Collision Technology Academic Vocational Programs at Pueblo Community College through East High School.”

- Gerald Whipple, AVEP Student

The pulse is intensified by the collaborative partnerships that have been carefully created and cultivated over the years. The Foster Grandparents Program, through the Senior Resource and Development Agency, provides seniors who foster an intergenerational relationship with students as they tutor in the classroom and help transport them to class. Neighborhood teens from the Governor’s Summer Youth Program and American Recovery Reinvestment Act are working as classroom assistants and key staff at the drop off and pick up sites. These youth are also learning responsibility, accountability, and job skills. Committed Upward Bound students and other invaluable volunteers enhance a dedicated staff that surpasses 100. Together, we provide an exceptional program where the welfare and enjoyment of our children is top priority.

Smiling faces and a job well done is only part of the pay off. The other is being able to foster relationships with students, parents, staff, and other volunteers who return to enjoy the excitement summer after summer. It’s also watching those same individuals at some time or another attend PCC to further their dreams or apply to teach in the program.

In addition, the Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC), a division of Pueblo Community College, hosted their first Kids’ College program this summer on the East Campus in Durango, Colorado.

Children grades 1st through 6th grades were invited to come and take part in the five-day Kids’ College Program. There were two courses this year with plans to expand the program offerings into multiple morning and afternoon sessions throughout the five county service regions. SCCC took advantage of the great outdoor activities and artistic culture that this community offers. The partnerships being built at this campus will provide quality community programming for summers to come as the pulse on the SCCC campus grows stronger.

Since the Fremont Campus opened in Canon City in 2001, the pulse of the community has intensified as programs and involvement have increased significantly. One of the longest standing community programs at Fremont, the Senior Mini College, celebrated its 24th year this past spring. During spring break each year, local senior citizens converge on the campus. The life-long learning program is guided by a volunteer committee and has grown to include more than 100 non-credit classes and workshops. Over 350 participants enjoy additional features such as lunch-time speakers, field trips, resource booths and art displays. This unique program reverberates the culture of the community. Volunteers from Canon City and the surrounding areas offer their expertise and talents to this successful program.

During the first two weeks of June, the community beat shifts from mature to youthful as the Fremont Campus partners with Canon City Schools to offer SPLASH: Summer Program and Learning for Advanced K-12 Students. More than 150 students from Fremont

themed program. Classrooms are transformed into Ancient Egypt as campus staff are “interrogated” by 10-year-old Canon City CSI investigators. The instructor work area becomes a kitchen for the kindergartners as the Fremont youth also became college students for the summer.

The pulse of the local art community runs through the main corridor at Fremont throughout the year. In addition to the academic programs and student art shows, the campus hosts dozens of local art shows, book signings, and other cultural events.

Through collaboration, dedication, commitment and inspiration, Pueblo Community College is able to provide top notch programs that pulse through the veins of our campuses. The strong, regular rhythm is felt throughout the heart of our communities. It’s what we’re all about. ■



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& Training

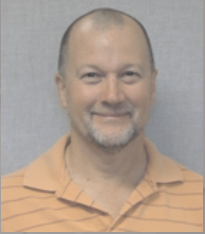
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College (SCCC)



mobile labs offer hands-on education

The first of three new mobile learning labs funded under the \$2 million Community Based Job Training grant has been turned into a Haas CNC training facility, and the project, including an exterior wrapping, should be completed by August 2009. The entire Economic & Workforce Development staff has had a hand in the interior design under the coordination of Shawn Ahlers. The lab will have new Haas equipment and will even have a pull-down projection screen. All of the stations' computers will be networked to the instructor's station. Work has started on the second lab, which will be equipped for electrical systems training. The third will be for mechanical systems.



Shawn Ahlers,
PCC Mobile Lab Development Coordinator

pcc gears up for advanced manufacturing

Across Colorado, manufacturing employers forecast an on-going need not only for workers who are interested in career opportunities but who are prepared to enter the advanced manufacturing industry with the necessary high-tech skills. Through a U.S. Department of Labor grant, Pueblo Community College and its partners will address the workforce shortage by providing tiered training to build the skills for high-performance success. A multi-tiered program, this intensive training addresses the key areas of work readiness, production skill certification, and specialized skills development for over 450 new workers, incumbent workers and youth.

Participants begin by acquiring the workplace skills employers seek and gaining insights into the important characteristics to be successful on the job. Instructor-led and self-paced programs assist participants with assessing, and building reading and math skills to progress to technical production skills training.

Developing the "Industrial Athlete of the Future," the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) is a nationally recognized training developed by industry leaders focusing on the core skills and knowledge needed by the nation's production workers. This training offers both entry-level and incumbent workers the opportunity to demonstrate that they have mastered the skills increasingly needed in the high-growth, technology-intensive jobs of the 21st century. Certification in four keys areas are available including: Safety, Manufacturing Processes & Production, Quality & Continuous Improvement, and Maintenance Awareness. Participants who achieve all four certifications receive the nationally-acclaimed MSSC "Certified Production Technician."

After completing production skills training, participants have the option of pursuing an additional 140-hours of specialized technical skills development. Five track options are available: Electrical Maintenance, Mechanical Maintenance, Machining, Welding, and Material Management.

Through this training project, additional Mobile Labs – 48' self-contained trailers – are added to PCC's delivery options with state-of-the-art technical trainers developed by PCC instructors and staff. These trainers have the capacity of providing a wide range of skill development from fundamentals to advanced trouble-shooting. Pueblo Community College has the capability of delivering these specialized technical skills training on-site at any location for employers and organizations.

- ▷ Electrical Systems – featuring AC/DC, PLC, Instrumentation and Motors & Controls trainers
- ▷ Mechanical Systems – featuring hydraulics and pneumatics trainers
- ▷ Manufacturing – featuring industry-grade mill, lathe, and additional CNC simulators
- ▷ Welding – current trailer features Arc and GMAW stations

Skill development can continue with the options of additional customized-training targeting specific employer goals, post-secondary education, and work experience opportunities through partner agencies.

The grant-funded manufacturing training continues through March 2011. Recruitment information is available through the Pueblo Workforce Center by contacting (719) 553-4561. Employers may contact Steve Chorak directly at the Pueblo Workforce Center via email: steven.chorak@state.co.us. ■

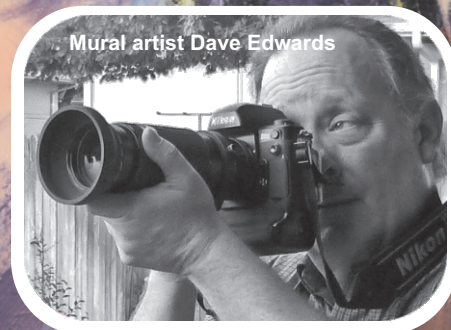
pcc students receive KANE FAMILY scholarship

Alexander and Wanden Kane were Colorado ranchers who built a sprawling enterprise. "Andy" Kane did not have formal schooling, but Wanden had an extensive education. The couple recognized the value of such and shared a deep and abiding love for the Pikes Peak region and its culture. During their lifetimes, the Kanes helped many young people finance their education and also contributed to research related to drug and alcohol addiction. Before his death, Andy Kane established the Kane Family Foundation and directed the Foundation to provide funds for tuition and books for eligible students. In 2009, two Pueblo PCC students were the recipients of the Kane Family's Scholarship.

Fabian Ramirez, a Central High School graduate, has had his appetite whet by the mechanical drawing and surveying classes that he has already taken at Pueblo Community College (PCC) and is looking forward to continuing his engineering studies and starting his professional career, possibly as a civil engineer. While attending Pueblo Central High School, Fabian got a jump start on his college education credits by taking welding and machining classes at PCC through the Advanced Vocation Education Program. He has learned to balance his time between being a full-time student seeking an associate degree, working 24 hours per week as a customer service representative for Innotrac, and enjoying his infant daughter Ilyani. He pointed out that he feels tremendously grateful at the educational opportunity that the Kane Family Foundation Scholarship will provide him.



Chris Weaver, a Pueblo West High School graduate, is hoping to use his leadership skills and "help others" attitude to become a high school teacher and coach. Chris' leadership skills first began in high school where he participated in several leadership classes and school organizations. His membership activities included serving as a Student Council representative and participating in the marketing-based organization called DECA, which he advanced to national competition as a junior. Chris also participated in TeenCERT, a 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 shootings victim. Being highly competitive, Chris participated in lacrosse and would like to coach the sport at the high school level. His motivating influences have been his grandfather, who died when Chris was 12 years old, and his younger sister, who is a talented softball player.



Mural artist Dave Edwards

mural shows diversity through dance

Colorful dancers now welcome students as they enter the Dr. Mike Davis Academic Building. Created by artist **Dave Edwards**, the mural narrates the diversity of Pueblo and PCC's students by depicting different types of dance. The far left panel is a contemporary Pueblo wedding reception dance, the middle panel is the Spanish heritage of our community, and the final panel represents the Native American influence from the Fort Pueblo days. ■



t creating opportunities for tomorrow



By Ed Iniguez, 2008 PCC Graduate

At Pueblo Community College, we are shaping destinies – our own, those of our students and of southern and southwestern Colorado.

PCC has expanded its Dental Hygiene and Assisting training programs through a mutual effort with United Way, to provide free and low-cost dental care for our community's un-insured. Through the United Way, our students work with local dentists to provide low-income patients with basic check-up, cleaning, extraction, prevention, and diagnosis services for little or no cost. This is just another way that PCC students get real-world experience while helping the communities of Colorado.

At PCC, hands-on workforce training is only a part of our commitment to Colorado. At our Pueblo Campus, PCC has expanded this promise by partnering with Vestas to give local students the necessary skills to be employed, and to produce a quality product at Vestas' local manufacturing plant. As Colorado's eyes turn toward supplementing our growing energy needs through alternate sources, PCC has responded by kick-starting a solar energy program that teaches students how to install and maintain solar power panels in real-life situations. And with energy in mind, PCC's merger with San Juan Basin Technical College is exploring training and development in the oil and gas industries that are so important to all of Colorado.

On-the-job and job-skills training is a priority in today's market, and we have responded by securing over \$2 million to expand our Mobile Learning Labs. By providing a skilled workforce with hands-on experience from local industry, the possibilities for our mutual successes are endless as students learn the required real-world training to prepare them to benefit themselves and their communities.

PCC's commitment to the community is not just talk and dreams. The real-world facts are that PCC has trained over 700 real-world employees for real-world employers in 2004, and that number is expected to top 1,500 this year! PCC has expanded its already committed staff to keep informed of the needs of an ever changing job market – and to provide the exact skills employers require. In fall 2009, PCC's total FTE increased by more than 22 percent, and six months earlier, a record 1,012 students graduated in May.

For those new graduates, PCC's commitment does not stop when a diploma is placed in their hands. Our Career Services Department helps

connect new and prospective graduates with employers while giving advice and teaching the skills required to be competitive in an aggressive job environment. PCC also has expanded its transfer agreement with Colorado State University–Pueblo, which provides for an easy and seamless transition from our two-year school to the University, while allowing other students the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at PCC! Through Adams State College, PCC students can earn bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education or Health Care Administration from Adams State professors who instruct at the Pueblo campus.

And we don't stop here...PCC gives priority to its community, by customizing education to the needs of those nearby. PCC expands its access to opportunity by providing alternate means of connecting with us, and to extend a friendly hand to those who may have given up hope through our high school drop-out retrieval program, financial aid office, and student support services. PCC wants to find ways around the problems that prevent access to opportunity – and our search continues daily! We have initiated a new grant-funded program, Gateway to College (a Bill Gates award), that serves students ages 17-20, who have dropped out of high school but have a desire to get back on track and earn a diploma while receiving college credit.

Of course, this all requires money and knowledge – the bottom-line is that separate people from opportunity. The PCC community has addressed this issue as well, by expanding our hunt for state and federal grants by hiring a professional grant writer. PCC also has expanded its Economic and Workforce Development program by committing more staff to work with local economic leaders to coordinate and hone PCC's ability to respond to changes in the workforce community. This commitment has expanded into El Paso County through Pikes Peak Community College, and the Pike's Peak Workforce Center, New Mexico through the Los Alamos National Laboratories, and southwestern Colorado through PCC's merger with San Juan Basin Technical College.

Pueblo Community College has never stood still. With an eye to the future, PCC is moving forward into the 21st century. Our mission has always been to make opportunities – not only for our students – but for the communities for which we work and live. ■

Marten Pinnecoose holds one of his drawings, "The Fight Within," that is on display at Southwest Colorado Community College. Another of his drawings, "Sometime," hangs in the background.

students grow in art

It has been a while since the halls and walls of the nearby college, now Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC), have seen an art class. But this summer, five students from southwest Colorado decided to try their hand at an eight-week crash course in basic drawing. Adjunct professor Deborah Kelley-Galin, an artist who graduated from the San Francisco Art Institute and has been teaching subjects from art to humanities to English, brought her experience to teach the students.

"A drawing course such as Art 121 includes discussions of art history, psychology, and world cultures, as well as time spent on creating artwork," Kelley-Galin said. "I try to zero in on an individual's interests, and I try to figure out what their potential is and guide them in that direction."

Students were required to create about 20 drawings throughout the semester for their portfolio, using a variety of mediums ranging from pencils and pens to charcoal and paint.

Improvement from beginning to end was like "night and day," Kelley-Galin said. "There was really quite a lot of progression," she said. "Part of that progression was awakening them to the realization that there is more to art than making something look like something else. It's much more of an expansive subject than that."

The class covered typical art topics such as shading, lighting and textures, but Kelley-Galin encouraged her students to explore beyond that.

"A lot of the time they had a major personal transformation, realizing they are capable of creating these high-quality, sophisticated pieces of art," she said.

At the end of the semester, students showcased their art pieces in one of the halls at SCCC. Most of the students bonded and supported each other through the class, which helped many of them to produce "museum quality pieces," Kelley-Galin said. Some students, like Jenn Fast Wolf of Dolores, took the art course as a requirement and stepping stone to her degree in psychology. Most of what she got out of the class was the ability to hone her art skills.

"I learned different approaches and different ways to apply media," Fast Wolf said. "I think drawing, for me, helps me release stress. It's something I enjoy doing."

Other students discovered a possible new career path after taking the class. Marten Pinnecoose of Ignacio returned to school to look into different careers. Art is one of the careers he is considering.

"It's kind of hard to find work with the economy being the way it is," he said. "I've been encouraged to do something like this. 'An opportunity has presented itself, so that's what I'm doing.'"

Pinnecoose is a self-taught artist at home, giving away most of his work to friends and family.

He mainly uses pencil as his medium, creating wildlife drawings. But the art course has given him the courage to work with color, draw portraits and put his work on display.

"I'm trying to explore different media, and I eventually want to work into paintings and sculptures," he said. "I'm kind of branching out." ■

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AMBASSADORS

help reach future

pcc students



Top Row: Joshua Dasher, Christopher Weaver, Daniel Moore
Front Row: Tessa Coy, Amy Harriss, Jordyn Hiner, Andrea Bowen

For years, the Student Ambassador team at Pueblo Community College's Pueblo campus has helped make students aware of their higher education opportunities. This year, a team of seven will continue this legacy by working in local high schools and in the community to promote PCC.

Once they have made the transition into college, many students become natural recruiters for PCC because they want to tell others about how impressed they are with the one-on-one attention they receive at the college and the caring nature of its faculty and staff. The Pueblo Campus Student Ambassador team is selected from interested candidates who feel so strongly about the choice they made to attend PCC that they want to encourage others to take advantage of the many opportunities the college offers.

Joshua Dasher is pursuing an associate of arts degree with an emphasis in performing arts. He has been attending PCC for one year and plans to transfer to a four-year school and major in music and theatre. Josh enjoys PCC because of the opportunities it provides in helping students pursue their dreams.

Christopher Weaver is a freshman at PCC and plans to eventually transfer to UCCS to further his studies. Chris is a proud recipient of the Kane Family Scholarship, which is a transfer scholarship and the reason why he is attending both PCC and UCCS. Chris says that career options for his future include writing, teaching, and coaching. He says he is very excited to be an ambassador for this amazing college and can't wait to show people what PCC has to offer.

Daniel Moore holds a Bachelors of Science degree in biology which he received from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs in 2008 and is enrolled at PCC pursuing an Associate of Science degree in the physical therapy assistant program. He plans to graduate in the spring of 2010 and from there attend a doctorate program for Physical Therapy in Colorado after graduation. Daniel recently relocated to Pueblo from Colorado Springs and feels that PCC's warm environment with teachers that care about their students' development and learning makes PCC a great choice for any student.


Tessa Coy is in her second year as a PCC Student Ambassador and plans to graduate this year. Upon graduation, Tessa plans to transfer to CSU-Pueblo to complete her degree in secondary education. Tessa is always happy to assist all students and staff with any of their needs.

Amy Harriss is a history major and would like to minor in theatre. She aspires to become a high school and/or college level instructor. She says that PCC has been a wonderful experience for her and is looking forward to the opportunities that await ahead.

Jordyn Hiner will complete her Associate of General Studies degree in the Fall of 2009 and then plans to transfer to CSU-Pueblo to work toward her bachelor's and master's degree. She feels that PCC is a perfect academic environment for first-time college students because teachers and staff make students feel welcome and help them in any way they can.


Andrea Bowen is attending PCC to earn an Associate of Arts degree with an emphasis in secondary education. She has attended PCC for four semesters and really enjoys the school. She says her teachers have been great and her classes are enjoyable. In the future she plans to transfer to CSU-Pueblo.

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pcc prepares students for **Vestas**

by Kathy Cox, Vestas Project Coordinator



Vestas Wind Systems announced in August 2008 that it would build and operate a wind tower manufacturing plant in Pueblo in 2009. The highly anticipated plant and the estimated 500 jobs it promised to produce, was built in the summer 2009 and will be fully operational by October.

For those unfamiliar with the manufacturing process, Vestas wind turbines are built in four parts. With the addition of the Pueblo plant, all four of those parts will now be built in Colorado. The Pueblo plant is responsible for manufacturing the large tower on which the turbine sits. Another plant in Brighton, Colorado manufactures the "nacelle," which is the house in the top where the gearbox, generators, and the blades are located. Vestas is already producing blades in a factory in Windsor, CO. The Pueblo plant, however, is the company's largest single plant investment and the largest tower manufacturing facility in the world. When operating at full capacity, it is capable of producing around 4,400 tower parts per year.

The Economic & Workforce Development Division at Pueblo Community College (PCC) is the focal point for the unique training program for Pueblo's Vestas employees. One of the main factors for this decision was PCC's ability to provide customized and flexible training that meets the needs and job requirements of the company.

Vestas officials toured PCC and met with administration prior to making any decisions. "Vestas management invited us to visit their facilities in Denmark to see what they do and, at the same time, they wanted to analyze what we could do for them here at Pueblo Community College," John Vukich, Dean of the Economic & Workforce Development Division said. "They were assessing our abilities and knowledge base to support the critical assignment of helping develop a trained workforce." In July of this year, PCC instructor Troy Bodle visited the Varde, Denmark plant and the local college nearby that serves to train Vestas employees in Denmark. Mr. Bodle returned with a wealth of information concerning the processes and procedures used in the Denmark facility. The gained knowledge was applied to the customized training program in Pueblo to ensure a shared intellectual and company culture among Vestas employees worldwide.

Training at PCC began September 2009, with the help of 5,000 pound sub-arc welding machines that were shipped by the Vestas corporation to PCC's Gorsich Advanced Technology Center. Lincoln Electric also partnered with PCC in providing the latest technology in power supplies, wire feeder, and other essential pieces of equipment to use along with the sub arc welding machine. The sophisticated welding equipment serves as the workhorse for the production environment, which will produce the welded joint along the length and around the nearly 16 ft. diameter sections of the tower. Vestas loaned to PCC, six Metal Inert Gas (MIG) manual welding machines to be placed in the Gorsich Advanced Technology Center. The MIGs will be used in conjunction with PCC's current mobile learning lab setup for welding. Approximately 7,500 sq. ft. of space in the Gorsich Advanced Technology Center is temporarily dedicated to the Vestas training area. In addition, the training team assigned to Vestas is temporarily located in the same area to ensure customer service and instructional and technical support as the training programs occur over the next 9-12 months. ■

Christmas comes early for **Fremont County Student**



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Life began a little tougher for Fremont County student, **Jennifer Lenz**, than for most. The recent recipient of the 'E.M. Christmas Scholarship' spent half her life in foster care after the death of her mother at age 12. Although she was the youngest of three children, Lenz was the first to graduate from high school.

Eager to continue her education and pursue her dreams of becoming an animal control officer, Lenz enrolled at PCC at the Fremont County Campus to earn her applied science and criminal justice degree in 2004. Lenz said that enrolling in PCC is one of the best decisions she's ever made.

"I wanted to improve my chances of obtaining a promising career," she said. "When I looked around, PCC was the best option for me - the location is great, it offers a work study program, the class sizes are small, and it's affordable."

Lenz said that another benefit of her PCC education is learning from teachers with technical experience.

"I feel so blessed to be in school and learning from teachers that aren't just teaching theory, but have the first-hand experience to make what we're learning meaningful."

Lenz has been so inspired by her PCC teachers over the past four years that she's gained some hands-on experience of her own, volunteering for the Canon City Humane Shelter while also working at a local pet shop in Canon City. Today, Lenz continues her real-world training working as an intern at the Canon City Police Department.

The admitted animal lover, who owns six cats, two tarantulas, two salamanders, three fish, one frog and one turtle, said she hopes to apply for a potential part-time position at the Canon City Animal Shelter after she graduates in May. Until then, Lenz continues to go to school and work, and appreciates every minute.

"Attending PCC and earning the scholarship, has been such a blessing for me," she said. "I feel so wonderful that they've chosen me. I can't wait to graduate and fulfill my lifelong dream."

Fremont County hall of fame honors three

Photo:(Left to Right) Marvin Bradley, James Milam, Donald Packard



Marvin L. Bradley, more commonly known as the "Marathon Man," demonstrates the same qualities needed to run a marathon in his daily activities. As a charter member of the Fremont Advisory Council he worked tirelessly to obtain the transfer of land from the Department of Corrections to Pueblo Community College (PCC), then petitioned the legislature for funding to build the Fremont campus, and was instrumental in raising the \$1 million needed to help fund the construction of the campus.

The Fremont campus of PCC is not the only recipient of his dedication and perseverance. Bradley served as president of the Canon City Chamber of Commerce, vice chairman for the Regional Energy Impact Committee for Fremont and Custer counties as well as the Canon City Rotary Club and Canon City Bankers Association. Bradley has run marathons in all 50 states twice and has only 18 to go to make it three times. He ran in a 100-mile endurance run in South Dakota.

James M. Milam is a native of Oklahoma, entered the military in 1942 and retired in 1969 as a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force. His service spanned World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He attended the University of San Francisco where he majored in accounting and minored in philosophy.

Fremont County has benefitted from his leadership as he served as chairman of the Fremont County Board of Commissioners, Board of Directors of Region 13, Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments and the Southeast District of Colorado Counties, Inc. Milam's dedication to improving education for generations to the residents of Fremont and Custer counties is demonstrated by his being a charter member of the Fremont Advisory Council and his obtaining appointments to the Air Force Academy for student applicants.

As a charter member of Shadow Hills Golf Club and being a life member of the American Legion Post #13, VFW #4061 and Air Force Academy Athletes Association, Milam continues his involvement with the community.

Donald Packard was born in Manitou Springs, Colorado and completed a tour of duty in Korea with the United States Marine Corps. Packard obtained a degree in music education and a master's degree in guidance and school administration from Colorado State University. His educational career includes more than two years teaching in Cripple Creek/Victor and four years as a band teacher at Salida Public School. In 1960, after moving to Canon City, Packard was hired as musical director at Canon City High School. He later became Assistant Principal and Principal of Washington Elementary. Packard has continued to be involved at Canon City High School, working as the announcer for the Tiger Football for the past 48 years.

Retirement was not in Packard's plans. He became involved in local politics serving two terms each on City Council and as Mayor of Canon City. During those years he received the Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award in 1987 and the Colorado Athletic Directors Citizen Award in 1997. ■

Marvin Bradley, James Milam, and Donald Packard were inducted into the Fremont Hall of Fame on May 8, 2009. Each individual was nominated by the community of Fremont County and/or Custer Counties and considered on the basis of contributions in the following areas: all facets of education; business and labor; arts and humanities; philanthropy; government; law; science and technology; and health and human services.

Walter Schepp, a member of both the Fremont Advisory Council and the PCC Foundation Board of Directors, introduced each inductee and highlighted their community contributions. PCC President Dr. Garvin also paid tribute to Bradley and Milam for being PCC Foundation visionaries.

The Fremont Hall of Fame was established to honor individuals who, by their extraordinary efforts, have contributed to the betterment or enhancement of Fremont and/or Custer counties. They join previous honorees, Darryl Biggerstaff and Douglas Miles who were inducted on April 24, 2005.



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It's strange where one finds inspiration these days when pressed to write an article for the Alumni Association's Legacy magazine.

Recently I watched, for perhaps the twentieth time, one of my favorite movies and, depending on the critics, one that ranks among the top three movies of all time--the immortal Casablanca.

With the backdrop of a war-torn, Vichy-occupied, mysterious Moroccan city, the classic love story of Rick, a wayward American, and Elsa, a secretive anti-Nazi emigre, is masterfully played out. Despite Rick and Elsa's deep yearnings for one another, Rick ultimately shows his benevolent spirit in letting go of his true love, Elsa, whom he had previously met, loved and lost in Paris, to fly off to freedom in Lisbon with her patriotic husband, Victor.

How gallant, yet tender...but how does that relate to Pueblo Community College and it's Alumni Association? Well, as I listen to the movie's theme, "As Time Goes By," I too, am reminded in my relatively ripe age of the importance of past friendships, nostalgia and sentiment that I felt in my old Pueblo Junior College days of 1961. It was my first year in college after I had struggled about going into the armed services out of high school as a more worthwhile career alternative, as advised by my high school counselor. Ultimately, I succumbed to inertia and just stumbled into higher education. We, naive and wide-eyed college freshmen, had few realistic notions of a real college educational experience. My simplistic stereotypical images of college life were changed forever in the fall of 1961. From the competitive Freshman English 101 class of Professor John Senatore to the elevated plane of Dr. Levine's Humanities class, PJC was an eye-opener for me. In this netherworld of intellectual struggles one

moment, to the sophomoric college high jinks the next, I learned what college life really was—and I liked it. While being scared out of my wits by the challenges of learning things I never imagined—I was stimulated by the journey for truth that it presented. That first year of college convinced me to stay instead of becoming a soldier. I never regretted it.

Now, some thirty-eight years later, as something of a semi-retirement volunteer in the PCC Alumni Association, I often think of those early college days. From the pep rallies for the championship basketball team, to the competitive give and take of the comparative religion classes, those were some of the best years of my life.

Maybe that's why I belong to the PCC Alumni Association today and occasionally embarrass myself doing a ragged Elvis Presley impression at the PCC Alumni Association's "Tribute to Alumni Stars" Dance on September 25th.

Yes, we all have to leave our old days behind in the midst of critical debates over health care reform and the national debt, but we can still occasionally step back, sigh, and, as Rick in Casablanca, might say, "Yes, but we'll always have Paris." ■

Joe Ulibarri



Returning Fremont County student earns scholarships and gains confidence



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PCC Fremont County student **Donovan Powell** will be the first to admit that returning to school was at first intimidating. But thanks to the continuing support from his teachers, as well as several foundation scholarships, 40-year-old Powell said he's received the encouragement he needs to keep going.

"Whether it's been a pat on the back or words of confidence, the education and support has been incredible," he said. "The teachers here are truly top of the line."

Powell said that the scholarships he's earned, including the Kane Family Scholarship, the Pepsi Scholarship, and the PCC Presidential Scholarship, have also helped his confidence as a returning student.

"The scholarships were the thumbs up that I needed to know that I was on the right track," he said. "They gave me the confidence to keep working hard."

Powell first entered PCC at the Fremont County campus in 2000 after earning his GED years earlier. But instead of completing his degree, Powell quit school to bartend for the next 12 years. In 2006, Powell decided "enough was enough" and re-enrolled at PCC. Now a husband and father to two, Powell proved his commitment as a returning student by earning a 4.0 his first semester.

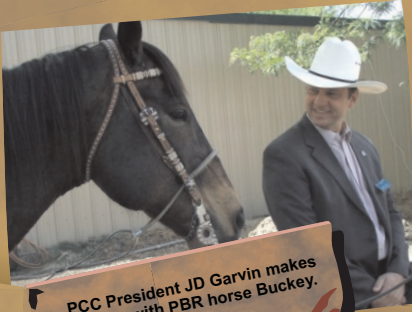
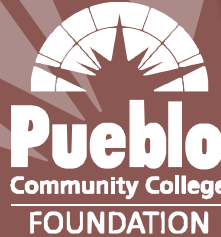
"I hadn't really succeeded academically in the past, but this time I was ready," he said.

Recognizing his passion for helping people and traveling, Powell said he has recently decided to pursue an associate's degree in nursing, and is exploring a potential career as a traveling nurse.

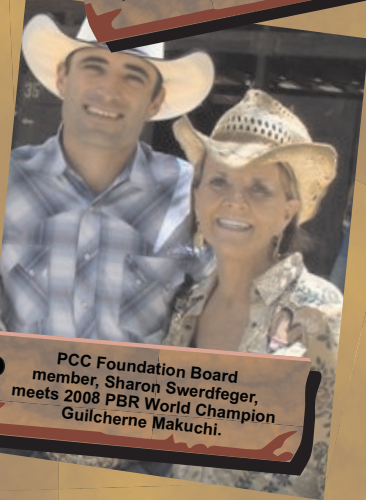
But until he graduates in 2011, Powell gets plenty of practice helping people by assisting first-time students register for classes. Powell said the greatest reward in his job is being able to encourage returning students like himself to have the confidence to re-enter the classroom.

"My advice to them is know the resources that are available because there's a lot out there," he said. "The staff here are committed to making your return to school successful, and if you're not sure what to do, they'll point you in the right direction."

Foundation helps Pueblo's first-ever **wild wild west** festival



PCC President JD Garvin makes friends with PBR horse Bucky.



PCC Foundation Board member, Sharon Swerdfer, meets 2008 PBR World Champion Guilcherne Makuchi.



Kaden Fillmore learns how to straddle a horse from the pros.

Pueblo Community College Foundation (PCCF) rallied to the challenge presented to them to be a participant in the first Wild Wild West Festival. The Greater Pueblo Chamber, Historic Arkansas Riverwalk Project, PEDCo, and the City and County of Pueblo teamed up with the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) to create an exciting new festival which was held May 2009. The Wild, Wild West Fest brought together the flavor of Pueblo's past and the tradition of the Professional Bull Riders to churn out five days of wild western entertainment which brought out the cowboy in us all! The Foundation chose to host a team roping and barrel racing event which attracted more than 600 cowboys and cowgirls to their first rodeo.

PCCF along with other nonprofit agencies in and around Pueblo hosted activities that complimented PBR's bull riding rodeo which attracted professional bull riders from around the world. PBR also brought in their Ring of Honor Ceremony which honored individuals who had made significant and lasting contributions to the sport of professional bull riding, both in and out of the arena. Other events tied to the five-day festival included a Bucking Ball, black tie kick-off event, concerts, Fan Zone and Marketplace, a western art show, golf tournament, cowboy mounted shooting, a cowboy breakfast, Mutton Bustin', western gunfights, a parade, rocky mountain oyster feed and more. Proceeds from PBR's activities are to benefit the participating nonprofit agencies. In addition, PBR pledged to donate \$50,000 to the Wild, Wild West Fest charity fund and will divide that money with those same nonprofits.

The Festival was a huge boom for the community; hosting thousands of visitors over the course of the five-day festival. PCCF was proud to play a part in an event that contributed to the economy of Pueblo and the surrounding areas.

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15 high school students earn associate's degrees

The Pueblo Early College dual-enrollment program that allows local students to earn high school and college credits simultaneously is growing astronomically. After having six students graduate from their high schools with an associate's degree from PCC last year, the number jumped to 16 this year. That number is expected to reach approximately 40 next year and could double the following year. One main reason for the growth is that PCC's partnership with the Dolores Huerta Preparatory High charter school has been replicated with the two Pueblo school districts.

Honoring Alternative High School Diploma Program graduates 136 students

For the first time, PCC hosted separate events for the Alternative High School Diploma Program graduations, with the Fremont County ceremony at our Fremont Campus on Wednesday, May 27, and the Pueblo version on the following evening at Memorial Hall in Pueblo. The program graduated 136 students.

Outlaws club funds auto scholarship

The Outlaws Rod and Custom Car Club recently donated a portion of the proceeds from its ninth annual car show to fund a new Outlaws Scholarship at PCC. The scholarship will provide a minimum \$500 scholarship for a full-time student enrolled in either the Automotive Technology or Automotive Collision Technology programs. For more information, visit www.pueblocc.edu and click on "Future or Current Students," and then "Scholarships."

University connections strengthened with two other schools

PCC's partnership with Adams State College (ASC) has expanded to allow students to earn a bachelor's degree in health care administration. All classes will be taught by ASC professors on PCC's Pueblo campus. The two institutions already had a similar bachelor's degree partnership in elementary education. The new health care program will begin in the fall semester. Meanwhile, PCC and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS) have teamed to offer Kane Family Foundation scholarships. The awards will pay college expenses for up to five years, with students first earning an associate's degree at PCC and then transferring to pursue a bachelor's degree at UCCS.

PCC students advance to Skills USA nationals

Quality technical training for students is very evident at PCC. The most recent examples took place last month when automotive, machining and welding students demonstrated their expertise at state SkillsUSA competitions held in various venues in Colorado. All three study disciplines had performers finish first in their respective categories of competition, earning the right to compete at nationals in Kansas City, MO in late June. In addition, Automotive Service Technology Chair Robert Maez was recently named the Advisor of the Year.

PTA program student receives state award

Leonard DeNardis, a second-year student in the physical therapist assistant program, was presented with the Academic and Clinical Excellence Award by the Colorado Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). He was selected for his motivation to learn, commitment to patients in his clinical experience, participation in PTA Club activities, attaining a 4.0 GPA in the program, tutoring classmates, and because of his positive attitude and dedication to the profession. Leonard received his award at the organization's spring APTA convention last month. This is the second consecutive year that a PCC student has received the state-wide award, a tribute to the program's teaching excellence.

Upward Bound student receives Gates scholarship

Israel Millan, who will graduate this month from Pueblo Central High and is in PCC's Upward Bound program, recently received a prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship. Israel plans to attend the University of Denver and study business education & electrical engineering. The award will help pay the cost of tuition, fees and books, and is renewable for a total of five years of undergraduate study.



Frank Cowgill's gained leadership skills help capture gold

The third time definitely was a charm for Pueblo Community College's Frank Cowgill, III. A recent Automotive Service Technology program graduate, Frank demonstrated the leadership skills that he gained at PCC by capturing the gold medal in the "Job Skill Demonstration A" category during the Skills USA National Leadership and Skills Conference held in June at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri.

He gave a demonstration of a tire pressure monitoring system, an idea originally hatched by fellow PCC auto student Alexei Serepera. In the "Job Skill Demonstration A" event, contestants demo and explain entry-level skills used in the occupational area in which they are training.

Winning a national gold medal is difficult enough, but it was the second one captured by the 38-year-old Pueblo native, who won the gold two years ago and added a silver medal in K.C. last year. His previous demonstrations were on emissions and pollution exhaust systems last year and fuel delivery systems two years ago.

Cowgill has been such an exceptional student that he became an assistant instructor during the past year for PCC auto classes that were taught at Canon City High School. Before that, he worked for Mike Minnick at Pueblo Dodge Chrysler Jeep, which provided Cowgill with the equipment for his demonstration.

"SkillsUSA is huge, and being able to compete there for three years and do well was just a very good experience," Cowgill noted, adding that he plans to give back to PCC by helping train other students for future SkillsUSA competitions.

Cowgill's youngest child, Nora, is currently attending PCC. ■

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| Current Assets | \$ | 2,211,517 |
| Receivables | \$ | 15,672 |
| Prepaid Expenses | \$ | 13,734 |
| Investments | \$ | 2,448,766 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ | 4,689,689 |

LIABILITIES

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|--------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$ | 21,011 |
| Deferred Revenue | \$ | 2,361 |
| Rental Deposits | \$ | 7,025 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$ | 30,397 |

NET ASSETS

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|-------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Unrestricted | \$ | 626,651 |
| Temporarily Restricted | \$ | 3,344,676 |
| Permanently Restricted | \$ | 687,965 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS | \$ | 4,659,292 |

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| TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS | & | 4,689,689 |
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

REVENUE

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| Contributions/Fundraising/In-Kind | \$ | 587,472 |
| Investment Income | \$ | 266,259 |
| Realized/Unrealized gain/loss on investments | \$ | -1,220,596 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ | 132,839 |
| TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT | \$ | -234,026 |

EXPENSES

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|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Program Expenses | \$ | 462,467 |
| Scholarships | \$ | 363,876 |
| Management & General | \$ | 203,321 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$ | 166,465 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ | 1,196,129 |

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| Change in Net Asset Value | & | -1,430,155 |
| Total Expenses & Change in Net Asset Value | \$ | -234,026 |

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1940s

LaVerne W. Elias '40 of Arvada, CO recently returned from London to visit his son and wife.

1950s

Lawrence Walker



Lawrence D. Walker '50 of Salt Lake City, UT graduated from Pueblo Junior College with an AA degree and then went on to Stanford University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa with Great Distinction in 1953. He married Lee in December 1954. Dr. Walker completed a master's in European history at Stanford in 1957, and earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of California at Berkeley in 1965. Dr. Walker taught at the University of Southern California from 1964 to 1969, then at Illinois State University from 1969 to 1989, where he retired as full professor. During his career, he received a research fellowship from the National Endowment of the Humanities, which took him and his family to Germany from 1971-72. He was a pioneer in the use of statistical methods in historical research. He settled in Salt Lake City in 1989. Dr. Walker and his wife, Dr. Lee Walker, have two sons and five grand children. Son Lawrence Arthur Walker is serving with the U.S. Department of State in Taipei, while Gregory Anthony Walker works as a quality assurance manager for Toys-R-Us in New Jersey.

Walker passed away January 27, 2009.

Eugene E. Carara '52 of Colorado Springs, CO graduated from Pueblo Junior College. Gene is married to Wilma (Berckefeldt) '52. He continued his education at the University of Colorado earning a bachelor's degree in fine art and a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado. Carara taught art and mathematics at Sterling High School and coached for 30 years. Gene has ten large oil paintings in the rotunda of the Sterling Court House depicting the history of Sterling, Colorado. He was inducted into the Colorado Coach's Hall of Fame in 1986 and selected as Christian Coach of the year by the State Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He retired from teaching at Sterling High School in 1984 to reside in New Mexico and taught at the University of New Mexico for two years. They then moved to Sun City, Arizona where Gene taught senior citizens for 19 years. They have now returned to Colorado Springs, Colorado to be with family.

Wilma D. (Berckefeldt) Carara '52 taught kindergarten in Pueblo and moved to Sterling, CO where she lived with her husband Eugene Carara '52 for 30 years. Gene and Wilma raised three children. She was vice president/senior lending officer at Colorado National Bank. She graduated from the Colorado School of Banking at the University of Colorado. Wilma is a survivor of many things, but especially breast cancer.

Denton Stilson

'55 of Pueblo passed away June 15, 2009. Stilson celebrated six decades of football. His playing career included: Tailback, Centennial High School, 1951-53; tailback, Pueblo Junior College, 1953-54; tailback, Sacramento State, 1955-57; tailback, military competition, Army, 1958. His coaching career included: Assistant coach, La Junta High School, 1963-68; Colorado State University, 1968; head coach, Fort Morgan High School, 1969-75; head coach, Pueblo County High School, 1976-1989; assistant coach, Centennial High School, 1993-97; assistant coach, South High School, 1999-2009. Honors include: 45 years coaching, 27 state tournament appearances, five semifinal appearances; Greater Pueblo Sports Association Hall of Fame inductee, 1991; Centennial High School Hall of Fame, 2002; director, youth leagues, Runyon Sports Complex, 1993-2009.



...Class of 1950s continued

John L. Mendoza '59 received the Creative Achievement Award from the University of Northern Colorado's Alumni Association. Due to his talent with watercolors and his philanthropic contributions to the southern Colorado communities, he was one of the eight outstanding alumni chosen for this award. In 1961, John received his bachelor's and in 1969 completed his master's degree. John's watercolors are now sold throughout the United States as well as being parts of collections in museums, institutions, and prominent art collectors.

1960s

Robert McClelland attended PJC in the early 1960s when he was called to military service. He served as a Navy coreman in the Marines. Robert went on to work at the National Cash Register and most recently worked at the Pueblo Army Depot until his retirement in 2006. He is married to Patricia and they have two daughters.

Barbara Riley



'61 of Surprise, AZ Riley graduated from PJC in 1961 with an AA degree in business education. She went to work for a few years then attended Western State College and graduated with a degree in teaching. Riley taught school in Salida and Gunnison and coached girls sports. After several years she went to Northern Arizona University and received her master's degree while coaching women's tennis.

She later moved to Sun City, Arizona where she became a golf professional with the LPGA for 18 years. Not yet ready to retire, she still works in the hardware business. Riley was in town for Pueblo Catholic High School's 50th reunion. While here, she caught up with friends and took a tour of the PCC campus. She believes PCC is a jewel because it educates the people you work with everyday. Riley continues to attribute her success to the education she received at then PJC.

1970s

Lindy L. (Berry) Vizyak



'71 of Westminster, CO and Joseph Vizyak were both students at then VSCS in 1969. Lindy was an education major and Joe was a P.E. major on a football scholarship. They were introduced in the cafeteria by a Theta sorority sister. Their first date was to the Homecoming game that happened to be a blizzard that year. December 20, 2008 was their 39th anniversary. They will always appreciate being in the right place at the right time!

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1980s

Sandy M. Gutierrez '82 of Pueblo, CO and the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo were honored by the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Sandy, as president and CEO of the Latino Chamber of Commerce, won the national body's award for Chamber Executive of the Year for the south-west region. The Large Hispanic Chamber of the Year award was given to the Latino Chamber of Commerce for the same region. Recently she was among 12 members appointed by the governor to be responsible for determining the best distribution of stimulus funds.



Marcella L. Reynolds '82 of Pueblo, CO was one of 13 women honored at the Thirteenth Annual YWCA Tribute to Women. She is the Executive Director of the Pueblo Cooperative Care Center and was recognized for her accomplishments and contributions to the community. She has raised money for the National Association of Letter Carriers. Marcie was employed for many years at Colorado State University-Pueblo and is the 2009 outstanding alumna for the Mass Communications Department. She is active in children's programs.

Paul R. Romero '86 of Loveland, CO attended Pueblo Vocational Community College from 1981-1982, the University of Southern Colorado from 1982-85, then back to Pueblo Community College in 1986. For the past ten years, Romero has been a senior designer for the Covidien company in Boulder, where they design and manufacture Electro-surgical devices. Prior to that he was employed at Hewlett-Packard in Loveland for nearly seven years as a mechanical designer. His first job after college was at Texas Instrument (Colorado Springs) for five years as a drafter.

1990s

Lori C. (Cochran) Denney '91 of Pueblo, CO is an administrative assistant II at Pueblo Community College in the College Center and Student Activities offices. After graduation, Lori worked hourly in the Human Resources office and for the Vice President of Administration & Finance. She became a permanent employee in October 1992 working in the President's office and then transferred to the Human Resources office where she spent the last 15 years. In October of 2008, she transferred to the College Center and Student Activities Office. Lori was selected as the Classified Employee of the Year in 1996 and 2008. What she likes most is "the opportunity to help people - that gives me the greatest satisfaction." She is married to John and has two children. She loves to listen to music, primarily 70s, 80s, and 90s hard rock, scrapbooking, and reading.

Heather Thompson '94 of Pueblo, CO was recently named Event Coordinator at the Abbey in Canon City, CO.

2000s

Jamie L. Davis '02 of Pueblo, CO graduated with an ASG degree in accounting, transferred to Colorado State University-Pueblo and graduated in 2004 with a BSBA degree in business. In 2007 Jamie was hired as an administrative assistant for the Community Education and Training Division, and is currently working as the Service Coordinator for the Vice President of Administration & Finance. She has three children, two boys and a girl.

...Class of 2000s continued

Trampas D. Hutches '04 of Sidney, NE currently lives in the south-western Panhandle of Nebraska and works in a small hospital with multi-modality learning opportunities. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, a girl and a boy. Trampas enjoys spending time with family, fishing, hunting, golfing, and home improvement.

Cathy J. Lohse '04 of Pueblo West, CO really enjoyed being in college. Cathy was active as a student at Pueblo Community College. She was president of business technologies club, was on student senate, and liked the competitions she partook in with Phi Beta Lambda.

Donna J. Oldman '04 of Pueblo, CO worked very hard to go to school full time and work full time. She is a single parent of two wonderful boys and is very happy to have reached her goal.

Kelly P. Ramsey '04 of Springfield, IL completed his certificate program at PCC. He then earned an associate's degree in business management from Axia College where he received placement on the National Dean's List. Kelly transferred to DeVry University and earned his bachelors in Technical Management (Cum Laude) with a concentration in Human Resources. He currently is attending Keller Graduate School in pursuit of a Master's in Human Resource Management.



Randa K. (McMinn) Esquibel

'05 of Florence, CO was hired immediately after graduation at Walgreens as an Executive Assistant Manager. She married Joshua Esquibel in 2008.

Joshua A. Johnson '05 of Canon City, CO was named American Medical Response Employee of the Month for September 2008.

Chad M. Mercer '06 worked for the Montezuma Sheriff's department as a Sheriff's Deputy but now has gone to law school.

Athena L. Mikulas '07 of Pueblo, CO after working her way through college and four years later she obtained an AGS degree in Criminal Justice. Last year Athena obtained a Certificate in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Certification and recently received her Substance Abuse Counseling License. She has been employed with Community Corrections for over five years. Athena will go to Colorado State University-Pueblo in the Fall of 2009 to obtain a B.A. degree.

Terri A. Kelm '08 of Pueblo West, CO graduated with an AAS Degree in Radiology Technology. She passed her boards in June and obtained a position in July with Emergi-Care of Pueblo. "I was given my asking starting wage without question, ... and have enjoyed my new position for almost a year now."

in memorium

Charles E. Brady '42
Katherine "Kay" Keating '42
Elwyn Kay Becher '48

Denton H. Stilson '55
Laura L. Banister '05
James L. Phillips FS
(Former Student)

alumni updates

Marriages

Madelyn L. (Bruning) '65 and Gary Guzelian were married on February 14, 2009.

Janelle C. (Carrero) '05 and Matthew Augerot were married on July 26, 2008.

Cherelle Shonte (Benitez) and **Dennis B. Carrillo** '96 were recently married.

Melissa R. (Conley) '05 and Julian Gomez were married on July 12, 2008.

Shaundra M. (Ferguson) '06 and Jeremy Lujan were married on October 31, 2008.

Mary Ann (Graziano) '98 and Robert Peter Henrich were recently married.

Lynette R. (Hamm) '96 and Derek Jerome Chavez were recently married.

Laurice (Hintz) '07 and Richard Curtiss, Jr. were married on March 22, 2008.

Sarah R. (Magoon) '04 and Donnie Beauvais III were married on September 6, 2008.

Melissa (Yengich) and **Walter E. Oden** '96 were married on September 20, 2008.

Jane Maureen (Oliver) '07 and Brian Scott Matthews were recently married.

Sarah Janine (Wolgrams) and **Vincent Edward Sapeda, II** '08 were recently married.

Maureen Pearl (White) '06 and Donald E. Rien, III were recently married.

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Thank you for being a supporter of education. With your help we can continue to educate and change the lives of people in need.

PCC remembers supporters

Longtime PCC volunteer passes away

Earlene Wolfers lost her 9-month courageous battle with cancer on July 30, 2009. She will be remembered for her extensive volunteerism. She was a volunteer for the College as well as being a presenter for the institution's annual Senior Mini College. She and her husband, Charlie, have been tremendous supporters of the Fremont Campus – Pueblo Community College. Both served on the Capital Expansion Committee to analyze the feasibility of expanding the Fremont Campus; possibly renovating a historical building on the campus grounds or building on to current classrooms.



According to Charlie, it was Earlene's nature to volunteer. Some of the organizations that benefitted from her generosity besides the College were: Friendly Visitors; Fremont Center for the Arts; Habitat for Humanity; Rialto Theatre; American Association of University Women; Zonta; Sangre de Cristo Hospice; Order of Eastern Star; Daughters of the American Revolution; Elkettes; Fremont/Custer Historical Society; Friends in Council and Knife and Fork Club.

As stated by those that loved Earlene in her home town of Canon City, "There will never be another one like her."

Pueblo philanthropist leaves legacy

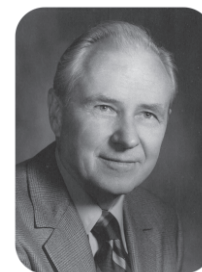


Tom Healy, Board Trustee, Emeritus member during the last ten years, and generous contributor for Pueblo Community College passed away on May 6, 2009. Tom devoted himself to activities with Pueblo's institutions of higher education, which included PCC and CSU-Pueblo. He was instrumental in the creation of the Healy Center for Business and Economic Studies at CSU-Pueblo. Tom held many advisory positions for both schools and was often called upon for his business acumen. Even after death, he has made arrangements to create scholarship funds for the two schools.

Tom was a very successful businessman and realtor. After working in real estate sales with the Leach Company, Tom purchased an interest in the Sam Jones Agency in 1952. In 1963 the company relocated from the basement of the Thatcher Building to its current location at 119 West 6th Street. Then in 1967, the company changed its name to Jones-Healy, Inc. The company recently celebrated its 75 Year Anniversary of continuous operation. Tom retired in 1999 from Jones-Healy, Inc. at the age of 86.

Longest serving college president for PJC/SCSC dies at 100 years old!

Marvin Knudson served as President of Pueblo Junior College (1945 – 1964) serving as the first president of Southern Colorado State College (now Colorado State University-Pueblo). He headed the National Junior College Association and the North Central Association (accrediting) of Colleges, Universities, and Secondary Schools while in Pueblo.

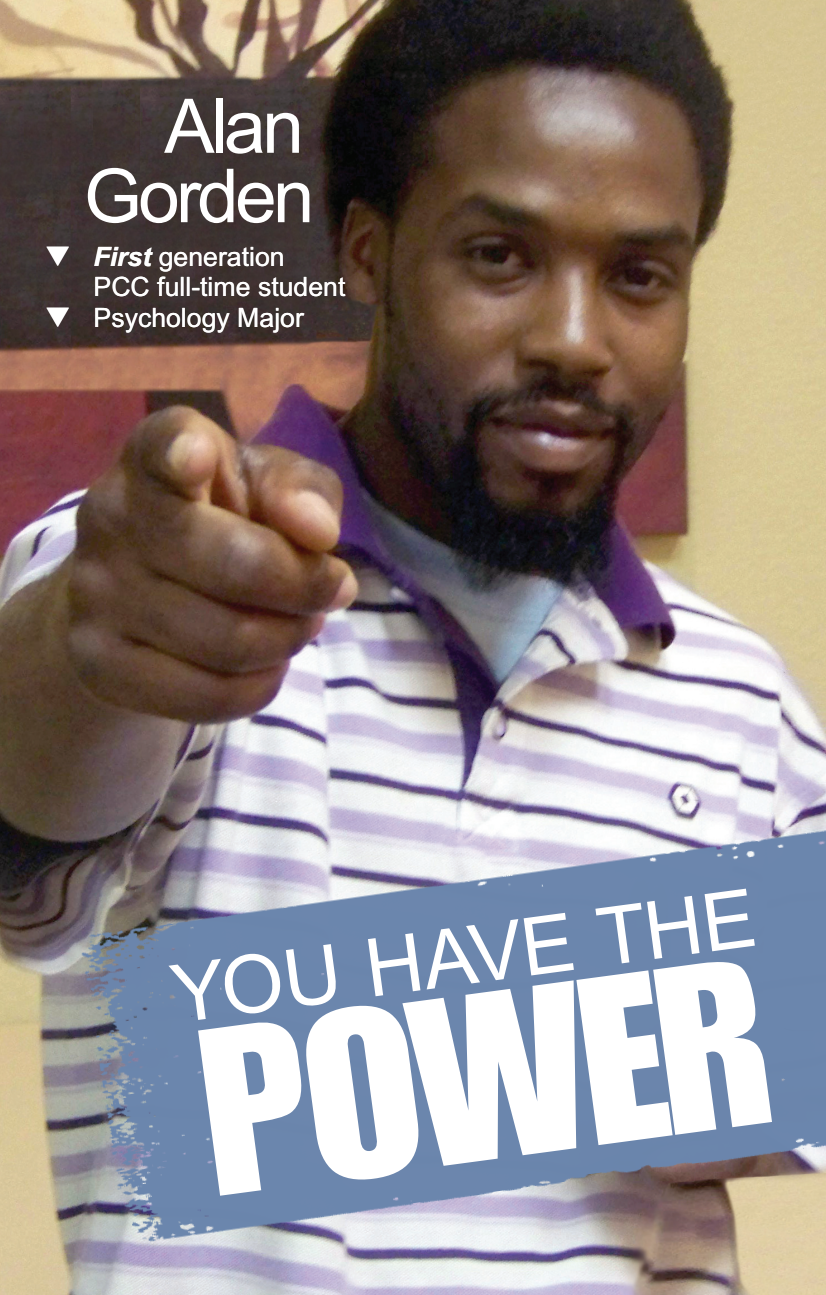


He moved to Phoenix, Arizona, to lead the Arizona State Junior College Consortium. In less than three years, he guided several new Arizona colleges and stimulated growth of the state's Junior College system. In 1967, he accepted an offer to go to Dayton, Ohio, to lead a venerable but small YMCA-based Sinclair Junior College. In six years he built a new campus, hired many new faculty, and boosted student enrollment from 400 to 12,000. He and his wife retired to Sun City, Arizona, where new opportunities involved temporarily administering a Junior College in Yuma, advising on Ganado Mission schools, and leading caravans of RV's to many spots in the west.

In his will, he has added support to the Past President's Scholarship established earlier by his sons through the Pueblo Community College Foundation. As was stated by a family member, "Marvin was a dear man, a good man, always kind and diplomatic, always encouraging. We shall miss him." ■

Alan Gorden

- ▼ **First** generation PCC full-time student
- ▼ Psychology Major



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Amanda Lopez

- ▼ Single mother of a two-year-old son
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- ▼ Career goal: Pediatrics

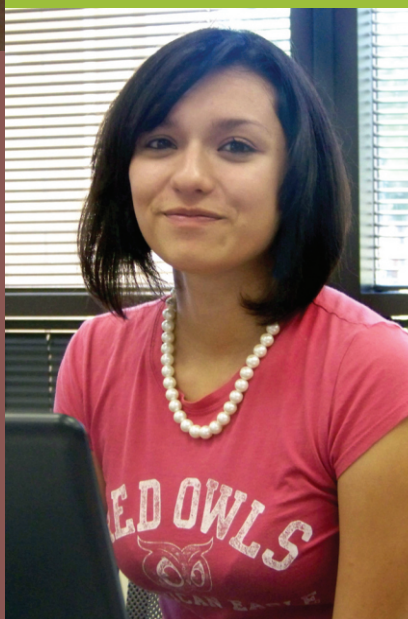


For your pledge of just \$10 per month, you can help students, such as Amanda, with their educational goals

Wilma Fletcher

- ▼ Single mother of a five-year-old daughter
- ▼ PCC full-time student
- ▼ Career goal: Dental Assistant

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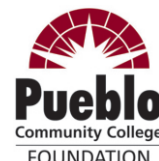
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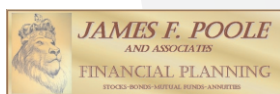


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