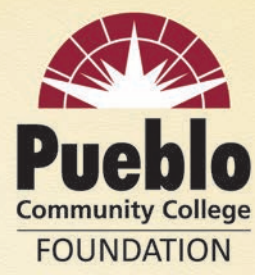




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LEGACY

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF
PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
2013 ~ 2014

PCC embraces transformation and growth

If nothing ever changed, there'd be no butterflies. ~Anon

This is certainly true at Pueblo Community College!

The transformation that took place in our students and the institutional changes that faculty and staff have embraced over this past academic year are both rewarding and invigorating.

Some would argue that higher education is slow to change, but we find ourselves in an exciting era whereby access and affordability are no longer our only performance measures. Retention, graduation, transfer to four-year institutions and the narrowing of the minority gap have been given heightened attention – student success is indeed what Pueblo Community College is all about!

This annual report exemplifies the collective ideals, passion and dedication of both the college and the PCC Foundation. The Foundation saw a change in executive leadership this past year and we are so pleased to have Martha Simmons come back to her roots and assume this most important leadership role. Board member support has remained steadfast and Chairperson Sharon Swerdfeger and her husband Keith, were no exception – as demonstrated by their feature in this publication. And, Barbara Fortino

continues to work tirelessly to keep alive the legacy of our dear friend, Tony.

I speak on behalf of all faculty, staff, and students when I say we are so appreciative of the institutional support provided by the PCC Foundation.

Legislative changes brought about our ability to offer a Bachelors of Applied Science. We are aggressively pursuing such opportunities and hope to offer our first degree program in 2016. The Fremont campus took on a new look this past year as we completed classroom renovations and began the student commons addition. Once again, we remain grateful to the PCC Foundation and Cañon City supporters for their efforts in raising the funds for such an important project.

Finally, Southwest Colorado Community College, a division of PCC, experienced exciting change as we welcomed the Colorado State Patrol onto the Mancos campus and deployed three new mobile learning labs to support the energy sector in the southwest corner of the state.

Our students were recognized as award-winners at SkillsUSA, art shows, culinary arts competitions, etc. – our accomplishments too numerous to capture



Patty Erjavec

in a short message. But quite honestly, each student is a winner in my book - especially as they walk across the stage to receive their coveted degree or certificate. We had approximately 1,600 graduates this past spring, 57 of whom received their Associate's Degree prior to receiving their high school diploma.

It is a great time to be a student at Pueblo Community College and your support for this institution is invaluable to our ongoing success. Thank you for believing in the role and mission of Pueblo Community College. And thank you for the sharing of your time, talent and treasures with our students.

At PCC you can "Expect More and Get More!"

Patty Erjavec, MNM
President

Pueblo Community College

Downtown Studio and four year degree for PCC students

Two events in the past academic year signaled big changes on the horizon for Pueblo Community College and its students.

The first was the establishment of the new PCC Downtown Studio that opened on Veterans Day 2013. Located at the corners of Main and Civic Center streets (formerly

Main and First Street), this new site will offer Pueblo veterans a place in which to smoothly make the transition from military to college life.

Initial programs were designed to help veterans transition into college life. Located within a comfortable and less hectic environment, the Downtown Studio provides a bridge to PCC's main campus. The PCC staff also is committed to helping veterans connect with community job placement services.

The Downtown Studio also has provided helpful campus information and resources to other PCC students, making campus staff available to walk them through the process of completing their enrollment paperwork and answer questions pertaining to financial aid. The PCC Help Line is also housed there and operators are on call daily to answer questions

pertaining to All Things PCC.

The second event was the February 2014 signing of Senate Bill 14-004 by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. This legislation allows state community colleges to offer four-year Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degrees in technical, career and workforce development programs.

"I am thrilled that Pueblo Community College has the ability to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science in Career and Technical Education," said PCC President Patty Erjavec. "This opens up a whole new realm of educational and employment opportunities for our students. A Bachelor of Applied Science degree is especially noteworthy in a service area such as PCC, where students do not have the desire or the financial means to leave the region."

Pueblo Community College is committed to student success and the above programs demonstrate the institution's on-going commitment to its traditional and non-traditional student populations.



Pueblo Community College Foundation Mission

To provide funding to Pueblo Community College and its students through Foundation approved fund raising activities for student scholarships and special needs identified by the College.

As my tenure as President of the Pueblo Community College Foundation comes to an end, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each and every person who has played a part in advancing our efforts to financially enhance the Foundation's support for Pueblo Community College. Thanks to each of you, our Foundation has continued to succeed in providing hundreds of annual scholarships to the students of Pueblo Community College and we have obtained the funding necessary to offer even greater program support to Pueblo Community College.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Pueblo Community College Foundation, I would like to extend my thanks to the many individuals, businesses and organizations who have joined with us during the past year to make our Foundation soar.

Some of the major accomplishments which have been achieved during the past year have included the following:

- The Foundation was successful in awarding 320 scholarships equaling over \$240,000 in support to students at all four campuses of Pueblo Community College.
- On August 5th, members of the Cañon City community joined together to break ground on the new Student Commons addition to the Fremont Campus. This addition would not have been possible if it were not for a committed group of donors from the Cañon City area who saw a need and banded together to raise the funding necessary to turn this need into a reality. In addition to the citizens of the area, I would like to recognize financial support from the Boettcher and El Pomar Foundations for their investment in this capital campaign.

- Students from the PCC Culinary department were treated to two new programs thanks to the generosity of PCCF Board Member Mary Jane Voelker. Realizing the need to support programs of academic excellence, Mary Jane provided the funding that offered top culinary students the opportunity to compete in the Western Regional Knowledge Bowl Competition sponsored by the American Culinary Federation during the spring of 2014 and she also provided the funding to initiate an off-campus learning experience that offered select culinary students the opportunity to travel to Northern California in August with the intent of exposing the students to that area's food and beverage industry.

- Earlier this year, I was pleased to announce the appointment of our new Executive Director for the Pueblo Community College Foundation. Martha Simmons has returned home and has hit the ground running with the intent of garnering even greater support for the PCC Foundation. Besides offering over 30 years of nonprofit management and fundraising expertise, Martha is personally committed to PCC due to strong family ties on this campus. I am hopeful that you will make the time to meet Martha and learn more about what she is working to accomplish for our Foundation's program of work.

There were many other accomplishments that have been achieved during the past year and I am hopeful that you will take the time to read the articles within this edition of *Legacy* and learn more about Pueblo Community College and the Pueblo Community College Foundation. Once read, I hope that you will agree to become actively involved with



Sharon Swerdfeger

our Foundation. Your support is the key to not only transforming the lives of our students; your personal investment within the Pueblo Community College Foundation will serve to transform the livelihoods of our communities.

*With Heartfelt Thanks to One & All,
Sharon Swerdfeger, President
Pueblo Community College Foundation*

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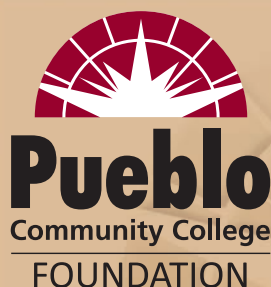
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Fremont Campus Dean Lana Carter with friends at Fremont Hall of Fame dinner

Returning home is exciting opportunity

*Home is a place you grow up wanting to leave,
and grow old wanting to get back to.*

~John Ed Pearce

What a pleasure the past ten months have been for me! Not only have I had the opportunity to return home, but I have had the sheer delight of reconnecting with so many friends from my younger days.

I truly have been touched by the many emails, phone calls, handwritten notes and lunch and dinner dates I have received since returning home in January; all welcoming me back to Pueblo.

It has been an even greater pleasure to make many new friendships in the past ten months; most of whom are committed to the Pueblo Community College Foundation.

Returning home has been a bittersweet experience for me. As I take time each day to look out my office window, gazing upon the grounds where I played as a child, I reflect on memories of my parents and their true affection for this institution.

Even after leaving Pueblo and moving to the Denver area, Dad and Mom (Harry and Bodie) continued to conjure up stories from the "good 'ole days" in Pueblo; most of which revolved around this campus and the many life-long friends they made through their involvement with Pueblo Junior College and Southern Colorado State College.

Of course, every conversation centered on those student-athletes they nurtured along the way and those members of the faculty and staff who were part of this institution's legacy of learning. Not a day goes by that I am not reminded of special times; not only for our family but for the families of so many others within our community.

Since returning to campus in January, I have had the opportunity to see first-hand how important Pueblo Community College continues to be in the lives of so many within our Southern Colorado community. It truly is a joy to interact with many of the PCC students and learn their personal stories of why they have enrolled at PCC.

From the traditional student embarking

upon a first college experience, to the non-traditional student coming back to campus with renewed enthusiasm to advance a professional opportunity, I have had the pleasure to learn from many how PCC offers a unique educational environment committed to nurturing successful outcomes.

I am thrilled to be involved with the Pueblo Community College Foundation.

For the past 33 years, this Foundation has been committed to raising the funds necessary to support its ever-increasing student scholarship program and, thanks to the foresight of the Foundation's forefathers; the PCC Foundation continues to provide financial support to the College and its many programs of academic excellence. Since its inception, the PCC Foundation has been successful in raising over \$15 million, most of which has come from a base of local donors who realize the importance that Pueblo Community College plays within the Southern Colorado community.

Our donors are not only financially supporting our student population, but they are committed to supporting programs within the College and that develops a stronger workforce for our communities.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally salute each and every person who has played a part in contributing to our Foundation's past successes. Your support has made a huge impact on the lives of many and on behalf of our students, administration, faculty and staff, I thank you for your support of our efforts to succeed.

Most Sincerely,

*Martha Simmons, Executive Director
Pueblo Community College Foundation*



Martha Simmons

PCC Foundation Annual Report

Year Ended June 30, 2014

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	459,590
Investments		6,228,048
Unconditional Promises to Give — net of allowance for uncollectible promises of \$2,405 and \$6,250 in 2014 and 2013, respectively		14,317
Accounts and Grants Receivable		16,205
Prepaid Expenses		3,279
Property and Equipment, net		39,636
TOTAL ASSETS		\$6,761,075

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$	39,188
Other Liabilities		18,399
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	57,587

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$	2,056,848
Temporarily Restricted		3,091,874
Permanently Restricted		1,554,766
TOTAL NET ASSETS		\$6,703,488

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$6,761,075

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

REVENUES AND SUPPORT

Contributions/Fundraising		
/In-kind	\$	772,820
Investment Income		526,316
Rental Revenue		250,392
Other		20,876
Total Revenue & Support		\$1,570,404

EXPENSES

Program Expenses	\$	860,419
Fundraising Expenses		156,584
General and Administrative		146,148
Total Expenses		\$1,163,151

Change in Net Assets	\$	407,253
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Net Assets — June 30, 2013 \$ 6,296,915

Net Assets — June 30, 2014 \$ 6,761,075

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Voelker widens horizons for culinary students

Thanks to the generous support of Mary Jane Voelker, the Hospitality Studies and Culinary Arts Department was able to offer exciting opportunities for its students during the last academic year.



Mary Jane Voelker

First, with her financial support, the faculty was able to provide additional utility services and rearrange the kitchen equipment in the line cooking area in order to improve learning in the advanced cooking classes. As a result, the department had a record year of meals prepared and served in the GPA Dining Room.

Students were able to move from sauté, to grill, to pantry, to expeditor, to supervisor as they progressed through their line cooking class. Chef Ben Bedard said that change in the cooking equipment made all the difference in his ability to teach *a la minute* cooking in a real work world atmosphere.

Additionally, the culinary and tourism students in the program were

"MJ Voelker is an amazing woman. She knows so much about San Francisco and seemed to love to show it to all of us."

given an amazing opportunity for a summer study tour of San Francisco and the surrounding area.

In July, a dozen students and an instructor flew to San Francisco with Ms. Voelker for a five-day culinary, wine, and tourism class. Once again, Ms. Voelker provided the financial support that covered the travel and lodging portions of this class which made it possible for these students to participate. Ms. Voelker attended college and worked in the San Francisco area for many years before moving to Pueblo and served as the tour guide for this unique experience.

"I don't have any family, so I had to decide where do I want to give my money," Ms. Voelker said. "I wanted to spend it in the community where I live."

She visited Pueblo in 2003 with a friend and said she fell in love with the people and the place itself. By 2006, she had moved from the San Francisco area permanently and got busy making Pueblo her home. She has been active in the Pueblo County Historical Society and her church, and after connecting with Carol Himes in the Hospitality Studies and Culinary Arts Department, she was home.

She said the San Francisco trip changed the lives of the students, some of whom had never seen an ocean.

"There were students from 18 to 50 years old," Ms.

"At the Asian Pearl Restaurant, I even tasted a dish with frog and black fungus. It was really good."

Voelker said. "When I saw the light in their eyes, it was so rewarding."

Her own favorite meal was the jumbo fried shrimp at the iconic No. 9 Fisherman's Grotto as the group sampled seafood, sourdough bread, Chinese, and Basque food.

That dozen were the first of PCC Hospitality Studies and Culinary Arts students to have those doors opened for them. Hopefully, there will be additional travel-learning courses in the future.

Ms. Voelker said they are already planning for next year, discussing Las Vegas, New Orleans, or Chicago.

Needless to say, Ms. Voelker has made a huge difference to the program, enabling it to expand its learning experiences. She has focused her financial help in four areas — an annual trip, culinary competition, scholarships and equipment.

"To experience San Francisco and the wine country has made everything we learn at PCC truly come alive."



The Pueblo Community College group visited North Beach during its wide-ranging trip to the San Francisco Bay area.

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Learning labs go to employers

Pueblo Community College's Economic & Workforce Development Division is addressing the region's severe shortage of machinists. It recently used one of its mobile learning labs to provide fast-track Advanced CNC programmer training on-site in response to the expressed need for skilled workers.

The training program was comprised of 210 hours of customized, non-credit training of newly-hired employees of four Colorado Springs-based firms. Training took place over a

seven-week period in PCC's machining mobile lab.

The Pikes Peak Workforce Center spearheaded development of the program, which began training in February. Participants attended training in the morning and worked on location in the afternoon. As a result of the pilot project, the four individuals acquired the skills they needed to succeed.

"It's exciting to see projects like this come together as the result of education, workforce development and employers working together to find a real solution that can make an impact on our community," said Amanda Corum, the director of PCC's Economic & Workforce Development Division.



The workforce division operates a fleet of four mobile learning labs, each specializing in a different mode of training, in the Southeast Colorado region.

CHAMP aids PCC manufacturing programs

CHAMP (Colorado Helps Advanced Manufacturing Program) represents round three of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) grants. Pueblo Community College received \$1.65 million of the \$25 million awarded to the Colorado consortium of community colleges.

PCC has redesigned courses by adding online components, adding a "fast track" welding certificate to help graduates find jobs sooner, and purchasing additional equipment for the welding, machining and electromechanical programs. A new production technician program is in the works, thanks to CHAMP.

The CHAMP team is also partnering with the Pueblo Workforce Center and Central High School as well as several employers in the area to identify needed skill sets, validate

curriculum, provide additional learning space and give priority to graduates of the certificate programs offered by PCC through CHAMP. In all, PCC expects to serve at least 200 individuals who are dislocated workers, veterans, unemployed or under-employed.

PCC students shine in SkillsUSA

A group of Pueblo Community College students, with support from the PCC Foundation, won state, regional, and national honors in SkillsUSA, formerly VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

"SkillsUSA provides students with opportunities to develop career and leadership skills beyond their limited hours in the classroom and lab," Jacob Drummond, faculty sponsor for SkillsUSA welding students, said.

PCC students who placed first in state competition participated in Automotive, Machining, and Welding contests in Kansas City at the National Leadership and Skills Conference. There were 15,000 participants from all 50 states and three territories.

Machining—Jonathan Witt, first in regionals, 18th in nationals; Precision machining team—Desmond Lewis, David Hintz and Tim Valdez, first in regionals, unable to compete at nationals; Automotive—Justin Porter, recent Centennial High School and PCC grad with an AAS in automotive, seventh at nationals among 49 competitors, two previous state firsts and eighth nationally; Welded sculpture—Paul Riekema eighth and Debra Luck 21st in nation.

Surgical Technology is latest additional degree

The division of Health and Public Safety continued to grow with the addition of a Surgical Technology program, bringing the total to 19 programs within the division at Pueblo Community College.

Students will graduate with an AAS degree in Surgical Technology after two years of study. Housed in the simulation center at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center, the program has a state of the art simulated operating room.

The division will also collaborate with the division of Arts & Sciences to develop a cadaver lab at St. Mary-Corwin.

Students thrive in Sim Lab thanks to PCC, St. Mary-Corwin partnership

Pueblo Community College entered into a unique partnership in the spring of 2012 with St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center to provide leading-edge educational opportunities for PCC students in the nursing, Emergency Medical Systems (EMS), and respiratory care programs. PCC President Patty Erjavec said that the Pueblo Community College Simulation Center at St. Mary-Corwin is a significant and innovative opportunity to provide the highest level of training in healthcare. "I am thrilled that Pueblo Community College has been able to take this bold step forward in partnering with St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center as together we work to provide relevant academic and practical experiences for both our students and emerging health care professionals," Erjavec said when the partnership was formed. "This is but the beginning of great things to come from both institutions." PCC used a Carl Perkins grant to provide the six simulators and related control equipment, classroom technology such as 42-inch TV monitors, cameras, basic instructor tools such as computers and printers, an infant warmer, a medicine dispenser machine, and classroom tables and chairs. PCC and St. Mary-Corwin held a grand opening in January of 2013. Community, the PCC advisory council and foundation board members turned out to join employees of the two institutions to see the facility located on a sixth-floor wing of the hospital's east tower. PCC nursing students were available to demonstrate the lab's state-of-the-art equipment.



A PCC student practices a technique at the Simulation Center at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center.

PCC Simulation Lab Coordinator Chrystal Stark served as emcee and explained how the lab helps students develop critical thinking skills. Stark had 15 years of emergency room experience as a nurse before joining the PCC staff. "We started 'sim' in our first year so we would have two full years of simulation lab compared to other students... and we go multiple times throughout the semester," PCC nursing student Brianna Drury said at the January open house.

The Simulation Center has had a tremendous positive impact on PCC students enrolled in the Nursing, Respiratory Care, EMS, and other healthcare programs. They learn via numerous "role playing" experiences in real-profession settings, providing crucial clinical time.

In addition to training PCC students, the Simulation Center is used by current St. Mary-Corwin nursing staff to enhance training opportunities and assess competencies.

EMS students benefit from 'real' environment

The Pueblo Community College EMS program participated in the CHEO project, a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Round 2 grant, developing course work into online and hybrid formats to increase the number of students that can gain access to health care education. To support this project, the EMS program received a donation of an ambulance from AMR (American Medical Response), enhancing the EMS program's effect on students.

AMR has been a long-standing community partner with the EMS program, working with approximately 100 EMS students each year. This includes paramedic students who spend 500 hours in internship under the guidance of a paramedic preceptor. The ambulance has provided simulated training in a "real" environment.



Emergency Medical Services students load a Sim Lam mannequin into PCC's ambulance, a training lab on wheels.

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A model poses in full makeup, hair and costume for a joint Cosmetology/Studio Photography project.

Cosmetology, photo students team up

Pueblo Community College's Cosmetology program was rockin' and rollin' as students collaborated with those studying Studio Photography Art in the Arts & Sciences division with a project that involved creativity, planning, and problem solving.

They worked on several projects to build their individual portfolios.

First, photography students gave the cosmetology students a theme to design the hair, make-up, and costume. The Cosmetology students worked in groups of three to design their models while the photography class had 12 students set up lighting, backdrops, props, and edit photos. The students were excited about working together and happy with the outcome. Additional themes were Alice in Wonderland and prom/wedding.

Pair of PCC Art students place

A pair of Pueblo Community College Art students placed in the Best of the Best statewide student art show at the Colorado Community College System, Lowry Conference Center and Administration Building in Denver in February.

PCC's Terry Swarbrick received a second-place ribbon and certificate for her photograph "B Street Bike" and Samuel Price received a third-place ribbon and certificate for his silver belt buckle "The Missouri."

In all, 35 PCC art students displayed 52 pieces in the Best of the Best show that featured approximately 220 art works, including drawings, paintings, photographs, jewelry, and ceramics from community colleges across the state.

CCCS President Dr. Nancy McCallin, her administrators, and staff voted for three places in 2-D and 3-D artwork categories.



Terry Swarbrick's photograph "B Street Bike" placed second at the CCCS Best of the Best.

Swarbrick and Price were award winners in the Fall 2013 Student Art Show at PCC.

PCC Art students have participated in all four Statewide Student Art Shows beginning with the first exhibit in April 2012. The PCC faculty members have also displayed artworks in three Community College Faculty exhibits at Lowry.

Second Art Works Uncorked earns a repeat

The Pueblo Community College Culinary Arts Club and Art Club collaborated on a second annual Art Works Uncorked event in the spring of 2014.

The first event in 2013 was such a success, the scrip was repeated as participants enjoyed a selection of fine wines and culinary specialties, and walked away with a watercolor landscape they painted themselves.

PCC's Jazz ensemble, Deep Shelter, set the mood for the evening event and the PCC Art faculty engaged the creative palette by leading participants in the step-by-step creation of a watercolor painting. Meanwhile, Culinary Arts faculty and students contributed with four courses of their culinary creations, paired with carefully selected wines from 80/Twenty Wines.

Art students topped off the evening by matting each painting. Proceeds from event tickets (\$60 or \$100 per couple) helped fund scholarships for PCC Culinary Arts and Fine Arts students.

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Redesigning Developmental Education: i-GRAD

Colleges have long debated the use of such terms as developmental education, basic skills, or remedial courses or students according to Pueblo Community College Dean of Arts & Sciences Ralph N. Salvatore, Ph.D.

Such terms have often served negatively to stereotype students' abilities, motivation, and chances of success in his view.

"To help change perceptions and to focus our restructured and redesigned courses on student success, the Arts and Sciences Division refers to these courses and its students as i-GRAD (I gain relevant academic development),"

Salvatore wrote. "i-GRAD courses view students as college students with the potential to succeed once they are provided the necessary support and meaningful learning experiences."

Those goals can be achieved through the use of contextualization, interactive learning activities, backward curriculum design, meaningful projects, appropriate educational technology, and continuous assessment of student learning.

To that end, the English and math departments help provide each i-GRAD student with the transferrable skills to succeed in college and career goals. In an effort to accelerate learning, i-GRAD courses reduce time, number of developmental credits, and number of courses in the developmental sequence to help students be successful in college level courses.

Distinguished Lecture Series debuts at PCC

The distinguished lecture series at Pueblo Community College was launched in 2014 to meet the important needs of the community - to educate, enlighten and inform, PCC Dean of Arts & Sciences Ralph N. Salvatore, Ph.D. said.

Through a subscription series of speakers, the audience will be exposed to the thoughts and insights of some of the greatest influential minds of our time. Series speakers will share with

the audience their unique experiences and perspectives on topics such as world affairs, politics, history, the environment, books, authors, business, economics, arts, entertainment and the sciences. The series consists of seminars from September to May.

In collaboration with the President's Office, the Arts & Sciences division, other divisions, the PCC foundation, other colleges and universities, speakers will share perspectives on issues that affect the region, country and our world.

The series is designed to reach out to students, faculty, staff, and alumni and the larger community to convey invaluable information.

Human cadaver lab in works

The Division of Health and Public Safety at Pueblo Community College plans to implement a human cadaver laboratory at St. Mary Corwin Medical Center, allowing PCC to be one of few community colleges in the state to offer cadaver dissection.

PCC Dean of Arts & Sciences Ralph N. Salvatore, Ph.D. said the cadaver lab will be utilized by students across various academic disciplines to study anatomical structure and aesthetic aspects of human form. Cadaver dissection allows students to develop anatomical knowledge and vocabulary, to appreciate anatomical variability, and receive training for the medical workforce.

Cadaver dissection offers an active, hands-on exploration of human structure, which extends beyond the knowledge gained via anatomical models, textbooks, imaging, and animal dissection.

The success of the project and impact on student learning will be assessed through various methods, including written and practical examination as well as student feedback regarding knowledge gained via the cadaver laboratory experience, the applicability of their experience to career training, and the comfort level with the cadaver.

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PCC honors its own at breakfast

Pueblo Community College recognizes its employees as its most valuable asset and held its annual Employee Recognition Breakfast as part of the 2014 Spring Semester Kickoff in January.

This annual event is focused on celebrating the success and dedication of the many employees who touch the lives of students each day. At this event, new employees are introduced to the college while those reaching service milestones are recognized.

The college also takes the time to salute those employees who retired from the institution in the past year. The highlight of the event is the announcement of the Employees of the Year, who exemplify the PCC Promise and set the standard for excellence.

The first category to be recognized was the Instructor of the Year, awarded to

Culinary Arts Instructor John Jakeman for his outstanding service to students and dedication to the program.

The Administrative/Professional/Technical Employee of the Year was awarded to Senior Human Resources Specialist Butch Batchelder, who is recognized as a dedicated leader with a passion for students and the PCC Mission.

Administrative Assistant Stuart Hyatt was named Classified Employee of the Year. He is identified by all as a quiet force on campus who sets the standards of service to students.

Finally, the college recognized Radiologic Technology Faculty member



PCC President Patty Erjavec (center), recognizes four employees at the annual recognition breakfast in January. They are (from left) John Jakeman of Culinary Arts, Marlene May of Radiologic Technology, President Erjavec, Administrative Assistant Stuart Hyatt and Senior Human Resources Specialist Butch Batchelder.

Marlene May as the Faculty of the Year. Marlene is unparalleled in her teaching success and is a role model for students and faculty alike.

These four individuals are representative of the dedication and commitment found in all employees at Pueblo Community College.

Students help students with Panther pantry

"At Pueblo Community College, we are always looking for ways to help ensure that students are successful," Ross Barnhart, Director of the Leaning Center, said.



Current PCC student volunteers stock the Panther Student Pantry, ready to give practical help to their fellow students.

"Recognizing that food insecurity is common among students, a team of PCC community members came together to explore ideas of how to meet this need," he said.

What emerged from the research was the Panther Student Pantry — a collaborative effort of the Associated Student Government, PCC Foundation, and Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado.

ASG assumed lead responsibility for managing, stocking, and staffing the food pantry which is available to all currently enrolled students.

The PCC Foundation lent support, allowing for people to donate money for the Pantry and to facilitate our becoming a partner agency with Care and Share.

In a survey of PCC students, 73 per cent reported having experienced food insecurity within the past six months, and 92 per cent said they would feel

comfortable using a campus food pantry. As a result, ASG created the Pantry, which is open two days each week.

Students can visit the Pantry each week and choose six unique food items and one toiletry item per visit.

Demand has been strong since the Pantry opened in February, with about 65 students visiting each week and 917 students receiving help in the first semester.

While ASG buys food for the Pantry utilizing student fees, it also relies on donations of cash, non-perishable food items, and toiletries.

Tax deductible cash donations can be directed to the PCC Foundation Office (flagged for the Panther Student Pantry), while food and toiletries can be dropped off at various campus sites. For more information, contact ASG at (719) 549-3300.

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Construction under way for PCC's Student Commons at Fremont Campus

Students were the big winners in the "Student Commons Addition" project that officially got underway in the summer at the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College in Cañon City.

A groundbreaking ceremony that included a ceremonial first turning of dirt by a team of shovel-bearers marked the occasion.

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The event took place on the east end of the campus, where the 2,820-square-foot addition will be built attached to a main corridor. The space is intended for use by student clubs, for student functions, and as a gathering area before and after classes. It will include vending machines for snacks, a food preparation area with kitchen appliances, plus storage closets for tables, chairs and other equipment. The Student Commons area also will be available for community events.

The \$798,000 project is expected to be completed in late December and be available for the spring 2015 semester. It was designed by HGF Architects of Pueblo, with HW Houston Construction of Pueblo the general contractor.

The Student Commons Addition project represents Phase II of capital improvement projects on the Fremont Campus. Phase I, which was completed in the fall of 2013, was a \$200,000 remodeling that reconfigured 3,875 square feet of existing space in the Darryl Biggerstaff Learning Center (LRC) and in west wing classrooms. The computer lab and art room



locations were switched, providing running water for art classes, and within the LRC testing and quiet study areas were created as well as classroom and meeting spaces.

The remodeling was made necessary by strong enrollment growth at the campus, which created a severe shortage of space. It was planned in concert with the student commons addition that will give students a "space" for meetings, studying, and special functions.

A Capital Campaign, organized and supported by community members from Fremont and Custer counties as well as Pueblo donors has provided funding for both projects. It is being supplemented by a fee increase of \$6.25 per credit hour, up to a maximum of 12 credits, that was approved by students in February 2013 for four years and started in the 2013 fall semester.



Officials take up ceremonial shovels to mark the beginning of construction on the Student Commons Addition at the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College. Preparing to turn dirt are (from left) PCC Foundation BOD Member Walter Schepp, PCC President Patty Erjavec, Contractor Ken West of HG Houston Construction Co., Geraldine Collette, Architect Connie Ryan of HGF Architects, Fremont Dean Dr. Lana Carter and Fremont ASG President Kevin Martinez.

Stegosaurus moves to PCC's Fremont Campus

The Garden Park Paleontology Society donated its stegosaurus, originally located near the Cañon City Walmart, to the PCC Fremont Campus this summer.

The dinosaur made its move when Cañon City engineers, Fremont County crews, and local businesses worked together. The groups volunteered time and materials for the construction of a new base and coordinated the big undertaking.

The dinosaur was originally built in 1995-96 by a volunteer work crew from the Colorado Department of Corrections under the direction of John Glusick. The dinosaur came complete with a time capsule and a rich history of community members and businesses coming together to make the project a reality.

Fremont Campus staff is working with local geology, history, and



*The huge figure of a stegosaurus dinosaur being hoisted in the air and set in its new resting place on the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College.
Photo by Tracy Harmon, The Pueblo Chieftain*

paleontology groups and other experts to implement a three-phase educational project," Lana Carter, Dean of the Fremont Campus, said.

Phase I will focus on the vast paleontological discoveries in the region. It will include updating an interpretive sign regarding the sculpture, local finds of stegosaurus in the area, and casting life-sized stegosaurus footprints leading up to the sculpture.

Phase II is the development of an interpretative pathway that leads people through history. Sections of the path will have imprints and casts of local fossils, clams, fish, and dinosaur tracks and bones.

Phase III includes a Jurassic Garden with plants from the Jurassic period, a Sculpture Garden, and a Fremont Campus grounds history trail with information about the Prison Gardens which were once housed on the campus grounds.

Fremont Campus is certified for GED testing

The newly renovated Testing Center in the Fremont Campus Darryl Biggerstaff Learning Resource Center has taken its services to a new level.

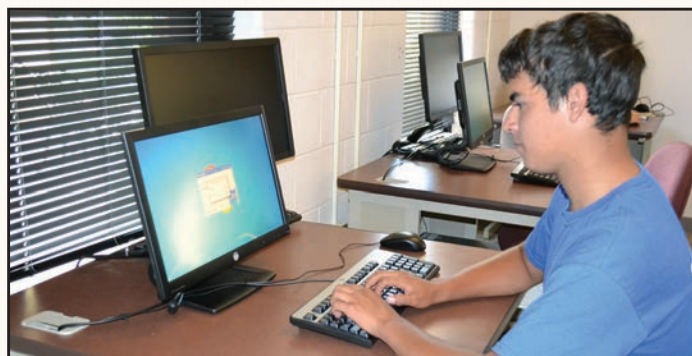
In addition to providing the Accuplacer basic skills assessment test, academic tests, proctoring services, and D2L online testing, the Fremont Testing Center is now a certified Pearson VUE testing site. This certification enabled the Fremont Campus to offer computerized GED examinations as of last spring.

Pearson VUE is a national computer-based testing system that provides exams for information technology, academic, government, and professional testing for certification and licensure. The tests are administered in the Testing Center, a multi-station room that was constructed in 2013 in the Biggerstaff building. To become a Pearson VUE testing site, the Fremont Campus installed dedicated computers and established a check-in station, with an electronic signature pad and digital camera, near the testing center entrance.

The Fremont Campus is the only GED test site in Fremont, Chaffee, and Custer counties. GED tests measure proficiency in science, mathematics, social studies,

reading, and writing. Statistics reveal that having a GED diploma can earn an adult an additional \$403,000 over a lifetime compared to someone who doesn't have a diploma. Having a GED site on the Fremont Campus provides a convenient location for area community members to acquire an equivalent high school diploma.

Salida resident Angel Johnson was the first examinee to successfully complete the GED exam at the Fremont Campus Testing Center. The demand for GED testing in the region has been so great the testing hours had to be extended.



Angel Johnson was the first GED test-taker at the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College. Johnson successfully completed all sections of the test and has earned his GED.

Sharon Swerdfeger: PCC changes lives

Sharon Swerdfeger doesn't take any commitment lightly.

She celebrated 50 years of marriage this year with her high school sweetheart, Keith, and also marked 15 years on the Pueblo Community College Foundation Board of Directors.

Sharon has served as the Foundation president for the past two years and the Swerdfegers have been major benefactors of PCC.

"Tony Fortino asked me if I would serve on the board," Sharon said about joining the Foundation at the request of its founding president. "I did it at first because it was Tony, and I was honored to be asked."

Sharon said she was hesitant at first, like any new board member, but she quickly became passionate about the efforts of PCC students to get an education.

"I love what the Foundation does. If a donor invests in scholarships, it's an investment in Pueblo.

"So many students are a little older, maybe their education was interrupted. They might be working, trying to raise a family," Sharon said. "They want to better their lives and then they become better citizens."

The Swerdfegers can surely relate to the hands-on approach of classes at PCC.

Keith Swerdfeger started in business in 1968 when he was 20 years old, building from a single backhoe to one of the major construction companies in the Pueblo area.

Sharon has served as corporate financial manager, secretary/treasurer, and majority stockholder at Swerdfeger Construction since its inception.

"I thought I'd just go out and buy a backhoe and be in business. But I didn't know the business end of it," Keith said in a recent interview with *The Pueblo Chieftain*.



"Every year, I learn more and more. It's so rewarding because you can see the faces of the students who have been helped."
Sharon Swerdfeger, PCC Foundation President

Keith said he learned to put together a business plan when he applied for his first business loan. Even then, despite putting together financial statements and cash flow estimates, he was required to get a cosigner for the \$5,000 loan, he said.

He related other career stories in the interview, and in each instance he learned something.

It's likely no coincidence he is a strong advocate of education.

When he was active with the Pueblo Economic Development Corp., Keith said he came to appreciate the specific training available at PCC.

"We would bring companies to Pueblo and when they would ask about a skilled workforce, we could bring them to the Gorsich Center here on campus," Keith said.

"Every year, I learn more and more," Sharon said about the programs offered at PCC. "It's so rewarding because you can see the faces of the students who have been helped."

"We have an emergency fund for someone who might need a tank of gas or babysitting," she said. "We have a get-together every year when students can meet a scholarship donor. They appreciate it so much and you understand what a difference it can make."

Keith said any donor could appreciate helping a student acquire skills to move up in the work world.

"It can only help grow our economy," he said.

The Swerdfegers serve on a number of boards, but Sharon left no doubt where her heart resides.

"People come and go on boards. Some people like to build a resume, but I love this. I love the way we can change lives," she said.

Swerdfegers:

Hard-working, generous

It's no surprise Sharon Swerdfeger has been a devoted member of the Pueblo Community College Foundation Board of Directors, she and her husband, Keith, embarked on a path of giving back to their community long ago.

Keith Swerdfeger co-founded K.R. Swerdfeger Construction, Inc., specializing in utility installations, trenchless technology, process piping, highway and site work construction, and built it literally from the ground up.

As a young family man, he had to apply for a bank loan to buy his first backhoe and decades later, the multimillion dollar corporation stands for quality and service in Colorado.

The company website not only details its construction capabilities but carries the message, "Proud Supporter of Colorado State University-Pueblo, the CSU-Pueblo Foundation,

and Pueblo Community College."

And those aren't empty words for Keith. The Swerdfegers have been generous to their home town, giving both their time and money to a wide range of causes.

"The Swerdfegers are known throughout Pueblo for their dedication to the community through giving of financial resources as well as their time. They are not only generous but down-to-earth, enthusiastic, and incredibly humble," Michelle Peulen, public relations specialist for Parkview Medical Center, said in



Sharon and Keith Swerdfeger, shown here at the PCC Foundation's Pueblo Hall of Fame Dinner, support many activities on campus.

collective bargaining for state employees.

"I have been a union contractor the entire length of our contracting for 40 years," Swerdfeger said in 2011. "We

"I think it's important to give back to the community, not only individually but as a corporation, because this is where we grew up, where we raised our family and started our businesses. What a great place to live and work - Pueblo, Colorado."
Keith Swerdfeger, speaking as 2009 United Way Campaign Chair

a statement in September, 2013, announcing the Swerdfegers as honorees of the Parkview Foundation's 33rd annual Starlight Gala.

Keith has served as chairman of the Pueblo Economic Development Corp. and successfully directed the United Way Campaign in the midst of the recent recession in 2009, to name just a few of his commitments. He also served one term as a state representative from House District 47.

During his time in the state house, Keith backed support of CSU-Pueblo and spoke out against his party's bill banning

always came to the table and were able to reach an agreement. I would not support the bill. Our relations with the unions have been pretty good over the years."

Sharon recently said Keith's decision not to run for re-election was due, in part, to his frustration at the inability of the two parties to work together on legislation.

Finding common ground seems to be a hallmark for Keith, he participated this summer in an ad hoc group of Pueblo business leaders to discuss the future of the city's half-cent sales tax.

If there is work to be done in Pueblo, Keith and Sharon Swerdfeger will be there.



Keith and Sharon Swerdfeger have made Pueblo Community College a priority in their busy lives. They are major PCC Foundation donors.



SCCC/Manna Culinary Certificate Program

Southwest Colorado Community College announced its new culinary program in partnership with Manna Soup Kitchen in Durango. The newly completed Manna Culinary Training Facility will host the new SCCC certificate program.

The Certificate Programs in Culinary Arts prepares students for employment in the food service industry at a functional level such as cook's helper, host/hostess, cashier, waiter/waitress, or short-order cook. The curriculum for the certificate programs includes food preparation, baking, cost controls, sanitation and safety, menu planning, and customer service.

Students completing the certificate requirements will have a thorough understanding of the responsibilities of a food service employee. Health Department regulations, food temperatures, storage procedures, customer relations, food preparation techniques, and cost-control procedures will be practiced by culinary arts students as well.



SCCC culinary students prepare food at the Manna Soup Kitchen in Durango.

SCCC displays student art

Each art show at Southwest Colorado Community College is full of impressive student works, but this semester doubled the viewing pleasure. In May, both the East and the West Campus hosted student shows, featuring art works by current students. A total of \$700 in scholarships was awarded for first through third place winners, and an honorable mention on each campus.

The East Campus utilized the new secure hanging system in the main area outside the Gozone to display paintings, drawings, photography, and sculpture. The West Campus show was held in the commons area and featured graphite drawings. Both shows were campus-wide events and were open to the public as well.

METI-Man helps nursing students learn

The most up-to-the-minute technology is begin utilized on both the East and West campuses at Southwest Colorado Community College thanks to a Perkins Grant, a federal program that funds vocational programs.

A METI-man virtual Manikin was purchased using a Perkins Grant, and is being used on the East Campus.

The fully automated, hi-fidelity manikin is used for simulation exercises by the Nursing program. The manikin is programmed with 150 case studies, realistically mimicking symptoms the nursing students learn to identify. METI-man helps train our soon-to-be-nurses for real-world situations.



SCCC Nursing students can test the MEDI-man manikin for 150 programed reactions.

Big shot fuels future **SCCC** welder

Can you believe it!

For the third year in a row, a spectator at the Montezuma-Cortez High School versus Durango High School basketball game drilled a shot from half-court.

In January, Braden Carey a Montezuma-Cortez senior, who was concurrently enrolled at Southwest Colorado Community College, hit the \$1,000 basket.

Braden was the first up during the girls varsity game, and his first shot from half-court swished through the net, the ball didn't even touch the backboard.

The Big "Orange Crush" Game took place at the Montezuma-Cortez gym on Jan. 30. It marked

the fifth year SCCC has been a sponsor of both the girls and boys varsity basketball games between Montezuma-Cortez and Durango, a huge rivalry in Southwest Colorado.

After Braden made the shot, he gave SCCC President Norm Jones an enormous hug and the stands cleared with students congratulating Braden on the shot of a lifetime.

Braden planned to enroll in SCCC welding courses after graduation. He had been a student in English 121 while in high school.

"I told you I was going to make it, now you are out

\$1,000 and I am going to take some welding classes. Yeah!" he said to the Pueblo Community College Panther mascot (Jill Carithers in costume).



Montezuma-Cortez senior celebrates his \$1,000 shot with SCCC President Norm Jones.

Virtual welder is real teaching tool

A virtual welder has ignited some real training possibilities at the West Campus of Southwest Colorado Community College.

For the first time, students had the opportunity to practice with a virtual welder that enabled them to see the metal bonds forming through a computerized hood without bodily risk, and without metal waste.

"It's a lot like a video game, basically," Welding Instructor Dave DeLozier said.

As the student wields the torch the machine teaches the student the correct positioning, down to its angle and distance from the joint. The special welding equipment also offers virtual worlds, such as construction zones, that mirror real world working conditions.

Nursing scholarship honors Blouin as leader

Beth Blouin was the winner of the Southwest Colorado Area Health Education Center scholarship as a first-year nursing student at Southwest Colorado Community College.

First-year students and faculty voted for the students with leadership potential and financial need under the direction of Emily Budd, SCCC Nursing Coordinator.

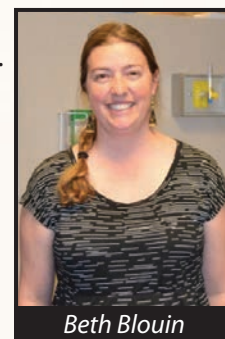
Some of the comments on the ballots for Beth were:

"She always volunteers for leadership roles for student projects in the nursing program."

"Not only is she intelligent, she is a caring classmate, friend, and mother. No one works harder than Beth."

Beth is employed at Mercy Regional Medical Center, an 82-bed, acute-care hospital in Durango.

The Southwest Colorado Area Health Education Center is a non-profit organization that strives to improve rural health in the eight counties of Southwest Colorado. The scholarship has been applied to Beth's tuition, and she will be recognized at the Nightingale award ceremony in March, 2015.



Beth Blouin

Golfers tee it up for PCC Foundation fundraiser

It was a bright and sunny day, “on par” to match Pueblo Community College’s bright future.

Supporters of the Pueblo Community College Foundation hit the links in the 2014 “Fore! Education” tournament June 13 at Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City to benefit student scholar programs for the college.

A field of 132 enthusiastic and persistent golfers tried their best in the scramble-format tournament, with most saying their scores didn’t exactly match their expectations, but all saying they had fun.

A Sunflower Bank foursome of Shawn Sutton, Craig Law, Bob Andrew, and Tammy Fesmire teamed for top honors and bragging rights for the day.

The PCC Foundation services all of the PCC campuses — Pueblo, Fremont, and the Southwest Colorado Community College campuses (Durango and Cortez) — and through the Foundation’s student scholar program they bring positive changes to the lives of individuals, families, and local communities.

The Foundation supports the College in areas that are not supported by taxes, tuition, or grants and raises funds to provide assistance to PCC students.

For more information, log on to www.PuebloCCFoundation.org.



Sunflower Bank’s winning foursome of (left to right) Shawn Sutton, Craig Law, Bob Andrew, and Tammy Fesmire celebrate their win at the PCC Foundation tournament. Committee chair and Foundation board member Carlos Baca (right) helps mark the victory.

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Hall of Fame

Longtime educators inducted into PCC's Fremont HOF

Two long-time educators who had a tremendous positive impact on students in Fremont County Re-1 School District were inducted into the Pueblo Community College Foundation's Fremont Hall of Fame in April.

Pauline J. Carochi and Michael L. Geesaman were honored at the seventh annual Hall of Fame induction dinner, held at the Abbey Event Center.

The Fremont Hall of Fame honors individuals whose extraordinary efforts have contributed to the betterment and enhancement of education in the PCC Fremont Campus service area, which includes Fremont and Custer counties. Consideration of nominees is based on their contributions in all areas of education or philanthropy.

Carochi is a 35-year Cañon City High School educator and 37-year coach of the Speech and Debate program, which she established. She served in numerous leadership capacities including hosting, chairing, and judging tournaments on the state and national levels, and her work and many awards led to her induction into the National Forensic League Hall of Fame in 2010 and the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame in 2014.

She coached 15 state champions and two national champions in Speech and Debate, and she also was a Student Council sponsor, an advisor for the

high school's newspaper, and a Boettcher Foundation "Influential Teacher" selection four times. Her students consistently praised her for being a passionate teacher who transformed and empowered lives by helping them to realize their dreams and aspirations.

Geesaman devoted 42 years to providing students at Cañon City High School with the courage and tools to succeed. In 1995, he received the Milken Family Foundation National Award for outstanding ability to educate youth and lead them toward lives of independence and purpose as well as the courage to believe in themselves. He developed and implemented a comprehensive drafting and design program, coordinated with the American Digital Design Association (ADDA). It enables students to earn national certification, college credit, and advanced placement, and more than 180 engineers received their first certification through this program.

He received national recognition from The Digital Design profession for training students to be educational support specialists through the Student Technician Engineering Program, and he became only the third person in 63 years to be accorded life membership in the organization. For 19 consecutive

years, Geesaman's students won more places in the national ADDA contest than any school in the nation. In 2012, he was named the ADDA's Instructor of the Year and CCHS was recognized as the Program of the Year for secondary schools.

"It is our privilege to participate in this wonderful community celebration and to honor two such deserving individuals," said PCC President Patty Erjavec when the selections were announced.



Michael Geesaman



Pauline Carochi



Friends and supporters of the PCC Fremont Campus join together to support the 2014 Fremont Hall of Fame inductees

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Hall of Fame

Wide-ranging contributions mark couples inducted into Pueblo HOF

Tourism, baseball, the Impossible Players, Pueblo's Municipal Band concerts, Medal of Honor recipients — it's difficult to focus on any one area impacted by two local couples inducted into the Pueblo Hall of Fame in March.

Art and Lorraine Gonzales were honored along with James and Paulette Stuart at the 24th annual event held at PCC's Fortino Ballroom.

The honorees have extensive backgrounds of extraordinary community-minded efforts that have helped make Pueblo a better place to live.

Art and Lorraine seemingly never met a Pueblo "cause" or organization they wouldn't support. The Pueblo Symphony, Pueblo Municipal Band, Pueblo Community College, Broadway Theater League, Sangre de Christo Arts Center, Pueblo YMCA, the Medal of Honor Society, Pueblo County Jazz Band, and numerous other groups have benefitted from their generosity. But Colorado State University-Pueblo has always held a special place in their hearts, and their long-time support of the university is without peer.

Paulette Stuart has been a true champion of the city in her involvement with local tourism, revitalization of Union Avenue, Veteran's Bridge, many Pueblo's

Home of Heroes initiatives, United Way, and the Rawlings Library's InfoZone News Museum. Since retiring in 2010, Paulette has been involved with the Chamber's Destination Pueblo Association, the Southern Colorado Heritage Tours, the Southern Rockies "Crossroad of Culture, and the "Song of Pueblo" multimedia concerts at El Pueblo History Museum.

Jim Stuart's affiliations have included the Pueblo Medal of Honor Society, Impossible Players Building Committee and Remodeling Project, Roselawn Cemetery, Medal of Honor Foundation, Veterans Bridge, and Pueblo City & County Community Services Advisory Commission. His work for the Pueblo City/County Library District has earned him the title of "Mr. Library."

"We are thrilled to add the Gonzaleses and the Stuarts to those already inducted into the Pueblo Hall of Fame," Martha Simmons, Executive Director of PCCF, said when the honorees were announced.

"Their combined service to the Pueblo community and now to the students of



PCC President Patty Erjavec (center) congratulates 2014 inductees into the Pueblo Hall of Fame. Art and Lorraine Gonzales (left) and Paulette and James Stuart were honored in March.

Pueblo Community College (who will benefit from the scholarships generated by this year's event proceeds) serves as a testament to why the Pueblo Hall of Fame was established and why this institution continues to recognize those who truly are the pillars of our community."

The Pueblo Hall of Fame was established in 1990 by the PCC Foundation to recognize individuals — both living and deceased — who have made significant contributions to the betterment of Pueblo. Any member of the Pueblo community may nominate an individual for selection to the Hall. To date, 65 Puebloans have been inducted.

Barbara Fortino carries on husband's legacy



Barbara Fortino loved seeing the big portraits on the walls of the J. Anthony "Tony" Fortino Ballroom in the Pueblo Community College Student Center.

"It was always interesting to me, to see all the faces of the people who were in the Pueblo Hall of Fame," Mrs. Fortino said.

So, when the time came to make a change to the display of inductees, as more and more people were inducted into the Pueblo Hall of Fame and less wall space was available, she wanted to be part of the process in memory of her late husband.

The new Pueblo Hall of Fame Alcove, which is now located within the PCC Fortino Ballroom, was officially unveiled at the 2014 Hall of Fame Dinner. This beautiful display showcases the engraved photos of all inductees and highlights amazing glass art creations which were

commissioned from Jean and Tom Latka. Mrs. Fortino funded the project and is thrilled with the outcome of the project.

"For Tony, PCC was his thing. He started the Foundation with Tony Zeiss (former PCC President)," she said. "He always enjoyed helping out in the community and especially at PCC."

"It took me a few years to get into it after he died, but I now serve on the PCC Foundation Board in an effort to carry on his legacy. The Foundation is committed to offering assistance to PCC students."

As a working member of the Foundation Board of Directors and that Board's Scholarship Committee, Mrs. Fortino maintains close contact with PCC and its students. "I really enjoy being a part of it all, and I know that Tony would be pleased!"



Pueblo Community College Scholarships and Recipients

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PCC Foundation donor reception provides personal connections

One of the most rewarding times for Pueblo Community College students and PCC Foundation donors is a fall reception where they can all meet and share stories.

One such connection came at the 2013 scholarship reception when retired PCC employee Cindy Mihelich met and visited with Sarah Pierson, the recipient of the scholarship Mihelich endows. Cindy and Jesse Pierson not only got to put a face with the name on the scholarship, but could also meet other donors and have the opportunity for future connections.

Mihelich, who chaired the PCC Physical Therapist Assistant program, became Dean of the then-Health Professions Division, and was Vice President of Student Services when she retired.

Two other scholarship recipients, Sandy Montano and Aaron Merrill, shared their stories at the reception and PCC Disability Resources Advisor Rebecca Wasil, representing the HOPE Scholarship, spoke about being a donor.

Pueblo Community College Foundation has supported learning for thousands of students since it was founded in 1981. Scholarships are awarded based on academic ability, special educational interests, talent, and in some cases, need. Each scholarship has its own guidelines for application and selection. In 1988, the first



Pueblo Community College retiree Cindy Mihelich (right) talks with Jesse and Sarah Pierson. Sarah is the recipient of the scholarship endowed by Mihelich.

allocation of scholarships totaled \$12,000. Since then, over \$3.7 million has been given to PCC students in scholarships and an additional \$11.5 million in college program support.

PCC Foundation hosts Pueblo's first Colorado Senior Law Day

The inaugural Senior Law Day for Southern Colorado took place on Saturday, August 17 at Pueblo Community College in Pueblo. Deemed as a "smashing success" for the senior community, the 2013 Senior Law Day succeeded in providing a full lineup of informational sessions which were geared to seniors.

Sponsored by the Pueblo Community College Foundation in association with News Channel 13, KRDO Radio, Telemundo, the Pueblo County Bar Association, the Colorado Bar Association, and Colorado Legal Services, the first-year event hosted over 100 seniors who arrived early and stayed late with the intent of taking advantage of the many opportunities being offered during the half-day program.

Many guests quued up early to sign up for a visit with one of the local attorneys who were offering one-on-one legal consultations. "These individual legal sessions are such a bonus for many within the Pueblo senior community," explained PCC Foundation Director Diane Porter. "I am sure that most of those who attended the event took advantage of these FREE legal sessions."

KRDO Anchor James Jarman presided over the stage program which included presentations by:

Missy Griggs from Adult Protective Services with the Pueblo County Human Services Department who focused her presentation on Adult Protection and Elder Abuse.

Local attorney Paul Willumstad hosted a standing room only crowd who came to hear his presentation on Estate Planning, Advance Medical Directives, and Medicaid Planning.

Stacy Harris, a Paralegal and Consumer Fraud Advocate with the Tenth Judicial District Attorney's Office offered a brief look into the different

types of potential fraud which takes place within our community and also offered information on grandparent rights.

Everyone who attended the inaugural Senior Law Day received a Senior Law Handbook which was provided by a grant from the Rose Community Foundation. "This is an amazing resource for the senior community," explained Gail Rodosevich, one of the organizers of the Pueblo Senior Law Day.

For more information on future Senior Law Day events, contact the Pueblo Community College Foundation at 719-549-3303.

PCC Foundation Events Calendar

FriendRaising Breakfast

7:30-8:30 am, Wed., Oct. 29, 2014

Donor Appreciation Dinner

6-9 pm Fri., Nov. 7, 2014

Pueblo Hall of Fame Banquet

6-9 pm, Fri., March 6, 2015

Fremont Hall of Fame

6-9 pm, Fri., April 24, 2015

Foundation Golf Tournament

June 12, 2015

Location to be announced

Senior Law Day

8 am-1 pm, Sat., Aug. 15, 2015



Members of the Pueblo Community College Foundation staff and Board of Directors joined with PCC staff for a tour of the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant in July 2014. They were guests of the Bechtel Pueblo Team, a PCC Patron Level donor.

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Books bring bucks for PCC Foundation



Students comb through hundreds of books at the second annual Pueblo Community College Foundation sale.

In February, the Pueblo Community College Foundation held its second annual book sale, raising more than \$2,500 for student scholarships.

A core group of volunteers worked through the year collecting, hauling, and sorting donated books, and on the Sunday before the sale, volunteers created a temporary bookstore in the lobby of the Mike Davis Academic Building.

The 'bookstore' was open for business for the next two days.

During setup and sale, more than 40 people from PCC and the Pueblo community volunteered, including many recipients of Foundation scholarships. Volunteers arranged about 500 boxes of books into more than 30 categories and were constantly alphabetizing, reshelfing and rearranging books to keep displays



attractive. The lobby was alive and buzzing as students, faculty, staff, and community members searched for bargains or books by their favorite authors.

Kudos go to History Chair Michael Engle, who has brought his classes to both sales and bought books for his students to encourage them to read. The level of student engagement was phenomenal as they combed through the vast selection.

The PCC Foundation is already accepting donations for next year's sale. Please call Ross Barnhart at 549-3365 or Rebecca Wasil at 549-3044 to donate your used books to generate scholarship dollars for next year.

Hoag, Lamb emergency funds can help

That awful feeling of an empty wallet or bank account when bills are due and there's no gas in the tank can be especially stressful for a college student.

The **LeVert W. Hoag Helping Hands Grant** and **Frank Lamb Emergency Loan Fund** are available to Pueblo Community College students in such financial emergencies. The two programs have similar requirements and can help students with things like a tank of gas, money for rent or mortgage payments, utility payments, childcare, or a gift card to purchase groceries. The two emergency distress funds are designed to help students in crisis remain in class.

The late LeVert W. Hoag, wife of PCC's founder, believed strongly that all individuals should have an opportunity to attain a college education. Mrs. Hoag was committed to helping those in need in the Pueblo community and her fund does just that for the students of Pueblo Community College.

Lamb, who moved to Pueblo in 1949 with his wife, Marie, was owner of Triplex, then the largest aluminum piston manufacturer in the world. After his death, his widow endowed many Pueblo non-profits, including the PCC emergency fund, in his name.

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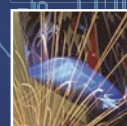
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Alumni Association

As I reflect on the Alumni Association's accomplishments over the past academic year, I am overwhelmed with a sense of achievement.

The year started off with a bang as the 2013 Distinguished Alumni recipient Dr. Irene Blea led the kickoff Celebration Walk after delivering a brief message to students. The Alumni Association also had a presence at New Student Orientation, welcoming and encouraging new students as they took their "First Steps to Success."

Additionally, the Alumni Association supported current

students by providing snacks and giveaways during finals week for both the fall and spring semesters.

The Alumni Association committee brought the year to a close by pinning over 400 graduates with PCC Alumni lapel pins and I had the opportunity to greet each graduate as they came off stage and welcome them into our family as Pueblo Community College Alumni.

The Alumni Association committee has more than doubled in size and is in the process of developing a strategic plan. We hope to align our strategic plan to support current and future PCC initiatives.



David Siguenza

Beginning in the fall 2014, PCC launched Year of the Leader, during which everyone is encouraged to take on a leadership role.

This leadership challenge extends to students, staff, faculty, and community members, through any form, such as an event, course, or program. It will be exciting to see what innovative ideas will develop to foster leadership at our institution.

David Siguenza
PCC Alumni Chair

Alumni Marriages

Adam Jon Avalos ('12)
married Jacqueline Alexandra Serna
Jonathon Thomas Woehler ('07)
married Brittany Paige Campbell
Lee Edwin Bulman ('08)
married Amie Lee Holmberg
Nathan Allen Schwalm ('09)
married Lindsay Katherine O'Brien
Nicole Rae Lucas ('13)
married Patrick Michael Gennetta

Alumni Deaths

Hyman B. Weindling ('42)
James C. Traister ('50)
Glen L. Armstrong ('66)
Frederick D. Sodamann ('72)
Harry Atwood ('84)
Fred D. Montez ('86)
Pete A. Elich ('86)
David P. Chacon ('87)
Michael J. Melton ('97)
Shannon E. Pike ('08)

Births to Alumni

Filbert Lujan IV ('97) and Megan, a daughter, July 1
Melissa S. Pino ('99) and Abdon Vargas, a daughter, July 17
Andrea D. Martinez ('04) and Chris Romero, a daughter, June 30
Darrell L. Fisher II ('06) and Jacie, a son, June 27
Isabel M. Dupre ('07) and Randall Dupre, a daughter, July 7
Brandon M. Musso ('10) and Teresa, a son, June 23
Monique Tarasar ('12) and Daniel Tarasar, a son, July 1
Leticia P. Blanco ('13) and Adam Algien, a son, July 8
Justin R. Barr ('13) and Abbigail, a daughter, July 2
David E. Martinez ('13) and Ashley, a son, June 27
Tiffany D. Garcia ('13) and Robert Garcia, a son, July 1
Bristol and Brian S. Lucas (07), a son, Feb. 26
Nathaniel D. Anciaux ('11) and Elizabeth Anciaux, a daughter
Samantha L. Martinez ('12) and Lyle Bright, a daughter, July 15

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Alumni Updates

Howard P. Summers ('48) was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2013.

Darrell L. Essex ('52) and **Kenneth E. Clark, ('81)** were inducted into the Centennial High School Hall of Fame, Class of 2013.

Steven T. Hager ('59), who is a department veteran, is Colorado's new director of prisons. Hager has worked in Colorado prisons since 1990.

Adolph R. Padula ('59) was a dentist in Pueblo for 37 years. After he sold his practice, he became a supporter of many charitable organizations. He has given financial support to the Center for American Values from the purchase of a building to arranging for the Medal of Honor portraits displayed on its walls.



David A. Socier ('59) now retired, worked for nearly 40 years as a sportswriter at The Pueblo Chieftain. Colorado State University-Pueblo named press row in Massari Arena after David. He was inducted into the CSU-Pueblo Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Robert L. Warlick ('62) has the distinction of being the first professional athlete from Pueblo Junior College. Warlick transferred to Pepperdine University before playing professionally for the San Francisco Warriors, Detroit Pistons, and L.A. Stars. Warlick died in 2005.



James L. Simmons ('63) was Coordinator of On-Field Press and Media at the Bell Helicopter Armed Services Bowl which pitted Navy and Tennessee State. Simmons filled the same role for the Heart of Dallas Bowl which featured North Texas and UNLV. During both contests, Jim's wife, Kathy, worked in the Press Box as the Sports Media host.

Gary R. Walker ('70) was honored with the Colorado Leopold Conservation Award, recognizing his continued stewardship of his 65,000-acre ranch.

Mike McLachlan ('70) represents House District 59, which stretches from Gunnison County to the New Mexico border. Rep. McLachlan is a member of the Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources Committee, the Judiciary Committee, and the interim Wildfire Matters Review Committee.



William E. Trujillo ('70) and **Norman L. Maes ('96)**, members of the coaching staff of the Pueblo Crush, a flag football team, went to Princeton University in June for the weeklong Special Olympics USA Games.

Rick Shelton ('70) and **Anthony J. Hegler ('72)** were inducted into the Greater Pueblo Sports Hall of Fame.

Bryan R. Wilson's ('87) Aspen Paint & Body has grown from a two-man shop that would take any job to a thriving business that employs 26 people and restores 4,500 cars a year. "It's important to give back to the community," said Wilson, who at 55 is the sole owner of the business. "I grew up here, was born and raised here. My dad worked at the steel mill."

Ivan S. Sufan ('94) went on to become a welder at Trane. He began teaching welding at PCC part-time in January 2010 and has been an asset to the program ever since as well as a valuable liaison between Trane and PCC. Ivan has brought his vast knowledge of production welding into the classroom and was instrumental in securing and providing leadership for night classes. He is an outstanding instructor and a positive role model for students, whose comments rate him as a great instructor. For these reasons, Ivan was honored as Business & Technology Division's Part-Time Instructor of the Month.

Leslie A. Reindollar ('97) a paramedic with American Medical Response, was one of 17 AMR employees honored at the American Ambulance Association's Stars of Life event in Washington, D.C.

Bradley R. Putzer ('98) has been named Charge Nurse for the operating room at St. Thomas More Hospital, Cañon City.

Rita J. Martinez ('00) was organizer for the Cinco de Mayo in the Park Celebration, commemorating forty years of struggles for Chicanos.

Bianca J. Flores ('02) was honored by the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation (PHEF) as Higher Education Educator of the Year. Bianca is the Administrative Assistant at the Pueblo Community College Foundation.



Pamla M. Sterner ('04) was author with husband, Doug, of "Restoring Valor." The book details the couple's work to pass the Stolen Valor Act that penalizes fraudulent claims of military honors. The law is based on a college paper Pam Sterner wrote. Pam praised Pueblo Community College and Colorado State University-Pueblo for helping inspire the project.

Leroy M. Garcia ('05) sponsored legislation to build a new Colorado Bureau of Investigations laboratory in Pueblo West. The House approved the legislation on a 55-9 vote.

Gary E. Sears ('06) recently became an Enrolled Agent with the Internal Revenue Service.

Tamra M. Axworthy ('06) was named executive director of A Caring Pregnancy Center. A Pueblo resident for 11 years, she previously worked at

Pueblo Community College and Colorado State University-Pueblo. She served as president of the CSU-Pueblo Classified Staff Council, president of the Statewide Liaison Council of Colorado, and is a graduate of the Leadership Pueblo Program.

Cindy R. Willis ('06) was named executive director of University Park Care Center. She previously served as administrator at Sable Center in Aurora and Woodridge Terrance Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Commerce City.

Michelle D. Cook, ('07) started volunteering for Heart of Colorado CASA in 2011 and in 2013 was hired part-time as a case supervisor. She also is the director of the New Child Montessori Preschool and a part-time teacher at Cañon Academy of Gymnastics.

David J. Siguenza ('10) a non-traditional student, received an MBA from the CSU-Pueblo Hasan School of Business' unique BSBA/MBA program earning dual minors in accounting and economics. He served as a Fellow with the Thomas V. Healy Center for Business and Economic Research, chair of the PCC Alumni Association, member of the Golden Key International Honor Society, and an ambassador for the Latino Chamber of Commerce. He is a former board scholar for the Pueblo Hispanic Education Foundation.

Charles R. Hurley ('10) was voted best graphic designer in the 2013 "Best of Pueblo." He is a designer with the Pueblo Community College marketing department.

Beth R. Turner ('10) is author of the fiction novel, "Abigail Phelps: Reality in the Eye of the Beholder."

Elizabeth M. Torrez ('11) received a bachelor of science in Health and Exercise Science from Colorado State University-Ft. Collins. Elizabeth will be attending Creighton University in Omaha, NE, pursuing a Doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

Jeremy G. Harmonson ('12) of the *Pueblo Chieftain* received the best cover design, in "Best of Pueblo."

Paul D. Snyder ('12) graduated from Cañon City High School in 1989 and joined the US Marine Corps. Since his retirement, Snyder enrolled at the PCC Fremont Campus and earned a double associate's degree in arts and general education. Then he transferred to Colorado State University-Pueblo, where he earned a degree in business administration in December 2013. He plans to pursue a master's degree. Snyder has a son, Jason, and a daughter, Cassandra.

Toni Skilling ('13) began attending PCC in 2010 after working for many years in a quick-service restaurant. Toni was a Student Ambassador until graduation. She is now Administrative Assistant with the Financial Aid department.

Dean M. Sena ('13) was named Pueblo West Rotary Rookie of the Year.

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