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PCC Fremont Campus launches Capital Campaign

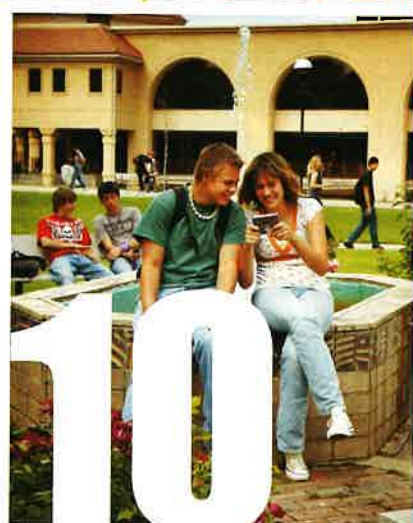
Renovation and additions slated for 2013

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southwest merger

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DEAR FRIENDS,



it is with sincere humility and admiration for this great institution...

.....that I join Pueblo Community College as President. I look forward to embracing the faculty, staff, and students, and community at large as we work together to build on the rich history of academic success that PCC has achieved by serving students for over 75 years. Our opportunities are endless as we aim to be an economic engine for business and industry and a catalyst to prepare our students to be workforce-ready in today's competitive market.

The principles that will guide me are the same as those that are already part of the PCC environment; providing open access to higher education, having an institutional culture of continuous improvement, helping produce responsible citizens, having an appreciation of diverse cultures and backgrounds, and using innovative thinking and effective communication - to name a few. Each day, we will continue to focus on education and exhibit nothing but respect for our students, our employees, and the diverse communities of Pueblo, Canon City, Durango, and Mancos/Cortez.

"The secret to a rich life is to have more beginnings than endings."

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Patty'.

Patty Erjavec, MNM

Editor's Note: Patty Erjavec was appointed President of PCC on April 23, 2010 by Dr. Nancy McCallin, President of the Colorado Community College System. She succeeded Dr. J.D. Garvin, who resigned on February 1 after serving as PCC's President since June 14, 2007.



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~ Albert Einstein



It is once again my honor to serve as President of the Pueblo Community College Foundation (PCCF) Board of Directors. Each year the PCCF endeavors to safeguard well our investment portfolio while ensuring we are able to offer sufficient monies to make a lasting impact on our region and the four campuses we serve: Pueblo, Fremont, SCCC East and SCCC West.

This year, thanks to you, PCC served 6,619 students – 660 of whom graduated with certificates or degrees allowing them to enter the marketplace serving our communities while earning increased incomes as they participate in strengthening our local economies. Many of our graduates stay in our communities — living, working, and investing locally. Our board is representative of this truism as many of our current board members are business owners, prominent citizens, and proud alumni of PCC/PJC.

Through the hard work of our dedicated and talented staff along with the 24 member board's efforts, as well as the continued generosity of you, the selfless donor, our assets stand at \$5 million. The Foundation skillfully shepherded these assets into funding over \$225,748 in scholarships to 204 students.

Our continued vigilance will position the Foundation to ably support our new president, Patty Erjavec. There will be no shortage of challenges for Patty, as the following pages of this edition suggest—innovation in programs and curricula remain paramount, while embracing Southwest Colorado Community College into the fold. This year also brings an ambitious \$2 million Capital Campaign for the ever-growing and successful Fremont Campus.

As you can see there is no rest for your beloved community college. Your contribution, gift, or estate planning consideration will be invested wisely—yielding a bountiful harvest every year at commencement!

"...indeed the PCC Foundation's wisest and best yielding investment is the over \$12.2 million invested in our students and the innovative and diverse PCC curricula and programs—the resulting yield is a force more powerful than Einstein's compounding interest!" The McCarthy Corollary

-Sean P. McCarthy, President PCC Foundation—and a mediocre physics student

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GIVING TIPS



Join the Legacy Club

There are several reasons and ways to include Pueblo Community College (PCC) Foundation in your estate, but the results will be the same when you are a member of the Legacy Club; to continue the Foundation's tradition of supporting students. Legacy Club members are individuals who have included the PCC Foundation in their estate planning; included the Foundation in their wills, in their insurance policies, in a trust and many other ways. By becoming a Legacy Club member you will make a lasting gift that ensures that anyone seeking a high quality education will receive one at PCC. I am asking you to consider making a difference in someone's life by contributing something, large or small, now or in the future.

Consider the tax benefits of Enterprise Zone contributions

Pueblo Community College has two projects that have been approved for the Colorado Enterprise Zone Tax Credit; one for the Pueblo Campus (Gorsich Advanced Technology Center) and the second for the Fremont Campus renovation and expansion of the campus. The purpose of the Colorado Enterprise Zone contribution tax credit is to encourage taxpayers to assist local enterprise zones, working with governmental and non-profit partners, to undertake activities "implementing the economic development plan that is directly related to job creation or job preservation."

Colorado Enterprise Zone programs provide tax incentives to encourage businesses to locate and expand in designated economically distressed areas of the state. When your contribution is made to Enterprise Zone projects, the real benefits are significantly greater than the 25 percent, Colorado tax saving. The following is an estimated recap of the total benefits, and out-of-pocket cost at various income levels. The information was taken from 2009 IRS tax tables.

Tax Savings	\$1,000 Donation	\$10,000 Donation
Enterprise Zone	\$250	\$2,500
Federal	\$100	\$1,003
Colorado	\$46	\$463
Total Tax Deduction	\$396	\$3,966
Actual Donation Cost	\$604	\$6,034

*Contact the PCC Foundation Office or your financial advisor
for more information about Enterprise Zone Tax Credits.*

Diane C. Porter
Executive Director
Pueblo Community College Foundation

letters from foundation



**Your College.
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Colorado in the
**Four Corners
Region**



Unified college system **expands mission**

By Gary Franchi, PCC Public Relations Coordinator

After a year of negotiations, Bill Ritter signed into law legislation that merges Pueblo Community College's Southwest Campus and the San Juan Basin Technical College (SJBTC) into Southwest Colorado Community College. SCCC now operates as a division of Pueblo Community College.

The new comprehensive two-year community college has two locations, one in the former SJBTC building located eight miles east of Cortez and the second at The Commons building in downtown Durango. The Durango site has been designated the East Campus while the Cortez/Mancos location at 33057 U.S. Highway 160 is the West Campus.

The SCCC also offers courses at various high school and community sites throughout southwest Colorado's Four Corners region that includes Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan counties.

In the past, the two colleges had different educational focuses. PCC offered associate degrees that transferred to four-year colleges and universities. The technical college provided professional trade certificates.

"The merger of San Juan Basin Technical College and Pueblo Community College is an exciting opportunity to create

a unified, comprehensive community college in southwest Colorado," said Shannon South, President of the SJBTC. "Between the two colleges, students in Region 9 have benefitted from certificates and two-year degree programs for almost 40 years. This merger bridges the gap between the two providers, which is seen as a tremendous benefit to students in the region."

The merger provides exciting new opportunities in higher education that greatly impact economic development through enhanced workforce development in the region. Among the benefits:

- Expanded program opportunities available to students;
- Ensured credit transfer and the creation of seamless educational pathways toward employment in the workforce and pursuit of further education;
- Enhanced financial aid opportunities for students;
- A more efficient use of human, financial, and physical resources;
- Elimination of student confusion that has existed for many years.

"We are excited to provide a new, robust economic engine to the region and to create comprehensive, lifetime learning



pathways in higher education for the community," said PCC President Patty Erjavec.

All credits earned at SJBTC transferred to SCCC, and the technical college's employee staff were retained, although some may have assumed different roles and responsibilities.

Registration is now underway for summer and fall semester classes, and the course schedules are available both on site at the SCCC divisions as well as online at www.enrollSouthwest.org. More information about courses and programs is available by calling the SCCC offices toll free at 1-877-544-0744.

"The merger of these two schools improves the college experience for most students because everything will be aligned — admissions, registration, transcripts, and more," said Dr. Lynn Urban, the Southwest Campus director. "We anticipate that this will reduce frustration and increase success in our programs. For the first time in our region, students will see more options available to them by having career, technical, and general education under one institution."

The merger legislative bill was introduced in the 2009 Colorado Legislature by State Senator James Isgar of Hesperus and State Representative Ellen Roberts of Durango. Both have been strong supporters of the merger since the concept was first proposed in late 2007.

The innovative merger is the result of more than a year of discussions that included a series of community town hall meetings, approved support from regional school boards (Cortez, Dolores, and Montezuma), a feasibility study that showed a need for a unified higher education voice in southwest Colorado, and more than six months of tireless work by a merger steering committee comprised of representatives from business, education, and tribal and community sectors within the five-county southwest region.

The merger committee was chaired by Joe Keck, the director of the region's Small Business Development Center. The committee's business plan was approved by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education in September, 2008, setting the stage for legislative action.

"When this idea was first proposed to the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education and the Colorado Community College System, we saw the wonderful opportunities for individuals in southwestern Colorado to have a comprehensive community college," said Dr. Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System. "The collaboration between the two institutions and throughout the community was outstanding — and noted by the legislature when the bill was going through the process. When I visited San Juan Basin Technical College last year, I could see the enthusiasm for this new venture. Congratulations to everyone and thank you for your hard work."

PCC beefed up its financial and personnel commitment at its Southwest Campus after a memorandum of understanding was signed in March 2009 for SJBTC and PCC to work together and share resources. In the summer of 2009, the Southwest Campus offices and operating staff were moved to the SJBTC site and developed expanded summer and fall scheduling. Dr. Urban took over as its director in July, 2009. The result was a Southwest Campus headcount enrollment jump of 21 percent in the fall semester and another 16 percent this spring. Full-time equivalency (FTE) enrollment leaped 45 percent and 21 percent, respectively, in those same fall and spring semesters.



Pictured on Page 5 & 6 (Clockwise): New campus sign welcomes students; Students at work in tech lab; View of campus welding shop; campus bookstore; Heritage Hall recalls the history of San Juan Basin Technical College; SCCC nursing students pose with their favorite patient; and PCC leaders celebrate merger. Pictured in merger photo (standing) Stacey Houser, Bruce Anderson, Marci Cummins, Dr. J.D. Garvin, Joe Keck, Ellen Rogers, Dr. Lynn Urban, Dr. Linda Pepper, and Steve Otter (Seated in the front row) Laura Lewis Machino, Bruce Weber, Shannon South, and Dr. Ken Pepion.

\$2 Million Expansion

Celebrating Silver
25 years

Jennifer Perceall Herman



As challenges go

, one that is currently facing Pueblo Community College can be considered quite positive. Experiencing continual enrollment growth, our Fremont Campus in Canon City has basically run out of room. When the campus opened its doors in the fall of 2001, it had 350 students. By the end of this past spring semester, it had approximately 850 after a 20 percent increase in the fall and another 19 percent jump in the spring. The trend is continuing too, with early enrollment numbers for both summer and fall far surpassing those from a year ago.

While this growth is certainly good, it has created a scheduling challenge that has included holding classes in the Learning Resource Center, conference rooms, and common areas of campus as well as off-campus at local high schools. But, to be honest, the 33,000-square-foot facility is pretty much maxed out. The ability to offer classes on campus is essential in supporting high-quality instruction with appropriate technology and instructor and student support.

That's why PCC started a Capital Campaign Fund kickoff in March to raise \$2 million toward a much-needed campus expansion project. The campaign's theme of "Celebrating Silver ... Going for Gold" is a reference to both the 25th anniversary of the Senior Mini College and the formal establishment of the PCC Fremont County Center, which is now named the Fremont Campus.

The expansion plan includes: a wing addition to add three lecture classrooms, a health occupations equipment storage area, four faculty offices, a student & community activity center that could also be used for short-term training, and restrooms; addition of larger lab-type, art or science classes; a two-classroom, career-technical building to be used for industrial-type training (machining, welding, etc.); the remodeling of a large existing classroom into a lecture hall format; and the creation of five additional offices for advising, financial aid, and a part-time instructor work area.

This expansion will allow the Fremont Campus to increase its class and program capacity by more than 50 percent and to offer some courses (such as welding and machining) that it hasn't been able to previously because of facility constraints.

PCC has had a higher education "presence" in Canon City since 1980, initially offering classes in various leased facilities throughout the city. It consolidated its courses, programs, and administration by moving to The Abbey grounds in 1987, and a community movement for a permanent campus started in the early 1990s when the Colorado Department of Corrections transferred the 55-acre Prison Gardens land to the Colorado Community College System and a construction plan was approved.

The key to receiving state funding for the current campus was a capital fund-raising drive in the late 1990s that raised \$1 million in seed money toward the construction of the current \$9.1 million Fremont Campus. Now, we're calling on the community to support higher education again by contributing to the \$2 million expansion project. The big winners, of course, will be the students who will have access to high-quality programs and will then join the 850+ graduates of the Fremont Campus who now work in our communities.

Thanks to generous donors, more than \$480,000 has already been raised. But we need your help to continue the drive and make the expansion dream possible. Donations of any amount will be appreciated, and remember that contributions of \$250 or more qualify for a state tax credit equal to 25 percent of the total donation. Room naming opportunities are available, too.

To find out more or to make a gift, please contact me, Jennifer Perceall Herman, Dean of the Fremont Campus, at 719-296-6106. Thank you for supporting this much-needed project.

GIFTING & NAMING Opportunities

Gifts from the Fremont community, totaling more than \$480,000 have brought us closer to our \$2 million Capital Campaign goal. There are several ways to express your support to the Fremont Campus and its students, raising the remaining amount needed, making an impact community-wide, and giving you recognition for your generosity.

Naming opportunities for various rooms are available throughout the College. Donors will be permanently recognized with a plaque at or near the entrance to the chosen room.

Examples:

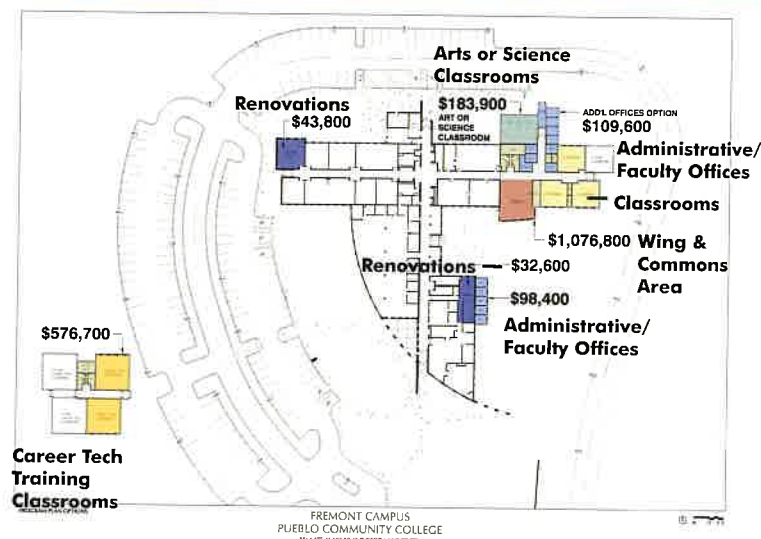
Lecture Classrooms (13)	\$10,000
Art, Science/Nursing Labs (4)	\$15,000
Student and Community Common's Center	\$50,000
Offices (10)	\$5,000

For more information, call the PCC Foundation Office at 719.549.3303 or Jennifer Herman at 719.296.6106. You can also learn more about giving options at our website at: www.pueblocc.edu/Capital-Campaign.

Gifts at various levels are recognized on a donor wall displayed in a prominent place:

Legacy (\$250,000 & Above)
 General Fremont's Circle (\$100,000 - \$249,000)
 President's Circle (\$10,000 - \$99,999)
 Pacesetter's Club (\$1,000 - \$9,999)
 Founder's Club (\$500 - \$999)
 Pioneer's Club (\$100 - 499)

Today, the Fremont Campus stands ready to enable a new generation of students to help them realize their potential. Join us as we embrace the challenge of "Celebrating the Silver, Going for the Gold."



Fremont Campus Capital Campaign Pledge

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**Fremont Campus Building Fund
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 Canon City, CO 81212**

OR

- ☐ Contact me to charge my credit card
- ☐ I would like more information about naming opportunities
- ☐ I want to make a planned gift for the future

The Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College is an eligible Enterprise Zone project within the Arkansas Valley Enterprise Zone. Contributions of \$250 or more qualify for a state tax credit equal to 25% of the total donation (subject to certain limitations). You may take advantage of this credit by making your check payable to the PCC Foundation Fremont Campus Capital Fund, and writing "Enterprise Zone" in the memo line. Please consult your tax advisor or PCC Foundation Executive Director Diane Porter at 719.549.3303 for more information.



COLLEGE CENTER expansion approved

PCC students recently voted 134-87 to expand the campus' College Center. Construction of the 18,000 sq. ft. college center is slated to begin Spring 2011.

The vote will allow the student body organization to charge another \$7 per credit hour up to 12 hours, or \$84, to cover the cost of the work for 30 years. The plan includes an expanded fitness center, installation of a quiet study lounge space, game room, and learning center space, expansion of enrollment center to provide a one-stop area for admissions, financial aid, and advisement.

The expansion also includes additional meeting space and a renovation to Pueblo Joe's, and a Welcome and Information Center. Students can also look forward to a renovated patio and improved access to the bookstore and culinary arts dining facility. The project also means space for a child care drop-off, and computer printing and ATM services.

The referendum was initiated by the Associated Student Government for the purpose of improving student life by enhancing the campus, specifically the student center. View additional concept drawings, by visiting PCC online at www.pueblocc.edu.

MEET Student Leader Toni Vasquez

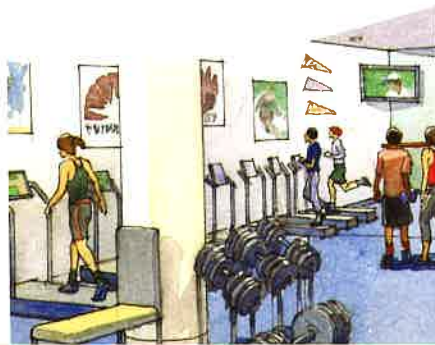


PCC Student Body President Toni Vasquez has a passion for criminal justice and law. The Pueblo native and Centennial High School graduate first became interested in the industry while working at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, where she spent two years working with the National Corrections and Law Enforcement Training Technology Center. After ten years in Ohio, Toni returned to Pueblo and enrolled at PCC to study criminal justice.

Today, Toni plays a key role at PCC. Not only does she serve as the PCC Student Body President, but she is a member of the Chi Beta Epsilon national organization. She participates on various committees, and works as a student employee in the College Center and Auxiliary Services Office. Toni was recently noted for her work in helping to educate the PCC student population about the Student Center expansion vote.

"Toni is a huge asset to student life on campus and she is always a dependable and eager student leader," said Rachel Anderson, Student Life coordinator. "She consistently accepts challenges and responsibilities with determination and enthusiasm."

For more information about Student Life or Toni Vasquez, call the Student Life Center at 719.549.3019.



Student Life

Connects Students & Reinforces Learning

By PCC College Center Director Joel Zarr and Student Life Coordinator Rachel Anderson

At PCC, we want to transform student involvement experiences into student learning opportunities. When students arrive at PCC, student life opens up a plethora of opportunities for them to experience and embark upon their educational journey. What better way to prepare for the real world than getting involved in student life? Immersing yourself within the college community is beneficial for many reasons. For starters, it helps you learn and grow in a diverse setting where you can venture out and explore new avenues in a safe environment. Did you know that involved students are more satisfied with their college experiences than those who aren't? Research by many scholars indicates that participation in campus activities supports the retention and graduation rates of students involved. At Pueblo Community College, we believe that the unique collegiate experience is enhanced by activities and programs outside of the classroom. Whether you want to join one of our student organizations or are interested in starting a new group, PCC provides students the necessary tools and resources for their individual and student organization success.

The out-of-the-classroom experience is a vital part in a student's development. Getting involved outside of the classroom reinforces the learning that happens inside the classroom. Students who get involved in student life learn important life skills and grow in ways that they were not expecting. Getting involved provides you a sense of connection that you won't have if you hurry from class to class, to your job, to even your off-campus residence. Through campus involvement, students develop core skills and participate in experiential opportunities to succeed in and out of the classroom. The Student Life office at PCC has offered a wide variety of student involvement opportunities and activities that students participated in this past year. Student life encourages PCC students to participate in educational, social, cultural, and recreational activities that are offered on campus. The goal of Student Life is to engage students in learning and personal development by fostering connections within our diverse college community and within the Pueblo community as well as promote campus citizenship and prepare students for current and future leadership roles. The Student Life office at PCC manages the official recognition process for student organizations, coordinates various campus activity programs and services, maintains communications with the campus community, organizes leadership retreats and workshops, manages the governing officials of the overall student body, and recognizes the positive achievements of student groups.

A few of the major events that PCC students participate in each year are "Welcome Back festivities," "Fall Fest," "Trick or Treat Street," "Martin Luther King Jr. Day," "Earth Day" and "Spring Fling." Student Life abounds at PCC with an active Associated Student Government, which determined this year to create a lasting legacy by implementing and supporting the development of a Student Life Facilities Fee to expand and renovate the current College Center and transform it into a more student-focused facility. The Student Activities Board and Diversity Awareness committee hosted over 40 events including: "Live at Pueblo Joe's," "Comedy Night," "Movie Series," "Casino Night," "Women's History Tea," "Health Fair," "Poetry Slam," "World AIDS Day Awareness," and "Alcohol and Drunk Driving Awareness Simulator." Student organizations are the livelihood of involvement and activities at PCC. Student involvement provides a multitude of leadership and development programs for student organizations and members. Students are involved in community services projects, career development and team building through one of our 24 clubs and organizations. Each year, Student Life sponsors a club and organization fair that allows opportunities for PCC students to get involved with organizations and clubs of their interest.

Through student life at PCC, we are offering our students a well-rounded, and interactive education through co-curricular activities to shape leaders for today and for the future.



Pueblo native and educational leader returns as keynote speaker

By Gary Franchi, PCC Public Relations Coordinator

Pueblo native Arnold Mitchem, who serves as President of the Council for Opportunity in Education based in Washington, D.C., delivered the keynote address at Pueblo Community College's commencement on April 30.

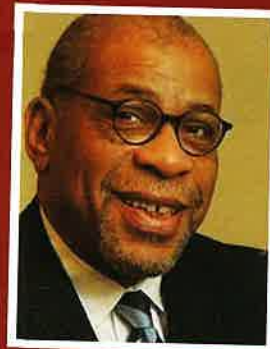
Mitchem has been a voice for low-income, first-generation students and individuals with disabilities his entire career. Thanks to his work, the federally funded TRIO Programs, the largest discretionary program in the U.S. Department of Education, have expanded by nearly 400% and now serve more than 872,000 students at 1,200 colleges and universities.

The son of DeV and Archie Mitchem, former Puebloans who are now both deceased, Arnold is a 1956 graduate of Pueblo Catholic High School. As a junior there, he gave a glimpse of the future direction of his life by earning an award for an essay he wrote for an "I Speak for Democracy" contest.

He went on to earn an associate's degree at then Pueblo Junior College and a bachelor's degree in history and education in 1965 at the University of Southern Colorado before it was renamed Colorado State University-Pueblo. Prior to receiving his Ph.D. in Foundations of Education at Marquette University in 1981, he studied European History as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at the University of Wisconsin.

Mitchem began his career with the history faculty at Marquette University in Milwaukee. In 1969, he was named Director of the Educational Opportunity Program at Marquette, serving in that role until 1986, when he relocated to Washington, D.C., to represent low-income and disabled students nationally. He is the first and only President of the Council for Opportunity in Education.

Arnold is a member of the Executive Committee of the European Access Network as well as a former Trustee of the College Board, and Past-President of the Committee for Education Funding, a Washington-based coalition of national education associations. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Marquette University. He has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from eight universities, including St. Louis University; CUNY-Lehman College in New York; DePaul University; and the University of Liverpool, England.



DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 90 percent of graduates are placed in a job with an average salary of \$34,445 or continue their education.

Fitzsimmons named faculty of the year



Donna Fitzsimmons, who is in her eighth year at PCC, recently was honored as the faculty member of the year for 2009.

Donna admits that she definitely has found her niche as an instructor of Social Sciences at Pueblo Community College. She didn't have to go far either, since she is a Pueblo native who grew up in the farming community in the county east of the city and still lives there on a cattle feedlot farm.

Fitzsimmons has been involved in education most of her life. After high school, she attended the University of Northern Colorado and earned a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. She taught at the elementary school level in Pueblo School District No. 70 for several years before taking some time off to raise her and her husband's three children.

She then earned her master's degree in Community Counseling Psychology from Adams State College and started her career at PCC as a part-time disability services advisor. Three years later she began teaching at the college full-time. For the past eight years, she has been teaching several psychology courses and an Introduction to Education class. Donna is the faculty advisor for the Psychology & Social Works Club for students, and this year she is serving on PCC's new College Learning Council, whose mission is to ensure continuous improvement in teaching, learning, and student success at PCC.

In her teaching, Donna ascribes to the Socrates quote: "If teachers always teach, how will students learn?" With that in mind, she always tries to involve her students in the teaching and learning process.

Fremont Hall of Fame HONORS TWO

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 County.

Joe Chapman was an innovative, realistic thinker who was truly dedicated to "his" Canon City. While he never acted alone, it was his visions and determined efforts that resulted in difficult civic projects being carried to completion.



His first educational contribution was helping to sell the bond issue that resulted in Canon City High School. Joe also was credited with the initial idea and vision of establishing a permanent Fremont Campus for Pueblo Community College at the old Prison Gardens west of Canon City. Joe's biggest contribution to the betterment of the community was the hours, weeks, and months talking to officials with the Department of Corrections and the Colorado Commission of Higher Education to facilitate the land transfer, which became a reality in 1992.

His volunteer efforts included starting the "Blossom & Music Festival," helping to create the county airport and establishing the Canon City Fine Arts Center. He also actively promoted tourism in Fremont County and the Pikes Peak region, which included improving Highway 50. As a historian of Canon City and the Royal Gorge region, Joe loved sharing information, especially the little-known facts. He co-authored informational booklets about the Royal Gorge and the Penitentiary and wrote a monthly column in the Daily Record about the Royal Gorge.

Dr. Shirley A. Squier

moved to Canon City in the 1980s and has more than 30 years of professional experience in the K-16 educational arena. She has demonstrated her dedication to improving the learning environment, educational programs and systems.



She was instrumental in developing programs to provide alternative educational opportunities for high school students, resulting in the opening of the Garden Park High School. Her persistence and dedication to excellence is evident as she was a developer, organizer, founding citizen and administrator of Mountain View Core Knowledge School.

Dr. Squier shared the responsibility and acclaim for the early formation of the Fremont Campus of Pueblo Community College. She served as Director of the Canon City Center (now Fremont Campus) from 1985-1991. The Colorado Department of Education used her consulting skills to secure grants and financial support for local and state schools. She volunteers her talents and abilities with such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, Fremont County Economic Development Corporation, Fremont Center for the Arts, Museum of Colorado Prisons.

PCC Nominated for Bellwether Awards

By Juanita Fuentes, Dean of Community Education & Training

Early this year, Pueblo Community College was selected as a finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Awards. Sponsored by the Community College Futures Assembly, the Bellwether Award annually recognizes outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges into the future. Bellwether Awards are given in three categories: Workforce Development; Instructional Programs & Services; and Planning, Governance & Finance. PCC was honored as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation in two of these three categories.


First, Pueblo Community College's Hope Bridge Project: Addressing Recidivism through Education was identified as a top program in the nation in the area of instructional programs and services. This category promotes programs or activities that have been designed and successfully implemented to foster or support teaching and learning in the community college. Challenged by 53.2 percent recidivism rate in Colorado, the Hope Bridge Project was developed by PCC's Community Education and Training Department to provide a bridge from corrections to college career pathways and employment. Since its conception in 2008, this pre-college program has assisted 108 students. Of those students, 39 are currently attending college and 22 are waiting to start college programs. After serving 13 years in prison, one student started in the Hope Bridge Project just a week after his release, filled with apprehension at the prospect of entering post-secondary education. After successfully completing the program, he enrolled in the Welding program at Pueblo Community College and is currently a straight A student. In addition to his schooling, he also works 30 to 40 hours per week and has effectively made his transition into his community.

The second Bellwether program nominee was PCC's Economic & Workforce Development Division's Advanced Manufacturing Training Program: Mobile Learning Labs. This program was identified as a leader in the workforce development category that supports public and private strategic alliances and partnerships to promote community and economic development. The Advanced Manufacturing Training Program addresses not only the need for a skilled workforce to support the manufacturing industry but also the need for flexible training providers who can deliver customized workforce training to employees on site at a company's facility. This program created three 48 ft. self-contained mobile learning labs with the ability to take high-quality training programs to various locations around the state through partnerships with other community colleges and workforce agencies. To date, this program has trained more than 200 participants and anticipates training at least another 250 in future months. Recognized as a national leader in innovative educational programs and training, PCC continues to develop and offer state-of-the-art services to its community and local industry. For more information about community training programs, please call the Community Education and Training Department at 719.549.3252. To learn more about employee training opportunities, contact the Economic & Workforce Development Division at 719.549.3320.

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Central Administration Building renovations completed



Renovations of the Central Administration Building at the Pueblo Community College Campus were recently completed.

Built in 1956, the building has gone through a couple of updates, but none as extensive as its latest remodel.

The building's second floor has been renovated to include new "21st Century Classrooms," which incorporate Hitachi Starboard technology. The new building is also equipped with a new HVAC system and updated electrical control panel, and new restrooms.

The President's Office, located on the first floor, now features a new conference room. The building's first floor is also shared by the Vice President of Learning and the Vice President of Student Services. The Vice President of Administration and Finance is located on the second floor.

The Central Administration Building also houses the offices of Grants, Institutional Research, Title V, Fiscal, Budget, Purchasing, Media, and Human Resources. The basement of the building is occupied by the Computer Services Department.

new looks



Mancos cosmetology lab nearly finished

The Southwest Colorado Community College - West Campus in Mancos is putting the final touches on its new Cosmetology lab. Initial evening classes are expected to start soon. The first courses will be taught in the evening before the program expands to day and night classes in subsequent semesters.

Massage Therapy finds a new home

By Lynne Ross, Massage Therapy Chair

The Massage Therapy Program at Pueblo Community College has more than one new face. This summer, PCC's 4th graduating class will complete their educational requirements in a brand new facility designed for teaching massage therapy and providing "hands-on" clinical experience. The Massage Therapy Program has upgraded its curriculum to match facility upgrades and to meet the requirements of the new state law for the registration of massage therapists. Graduates of the first Massage Therapy Program completed 615 contact hours; the class of 2011 will complete 855 contact hours. Massage Therapy at PCC is a great program for many reasons:

Our staff has over 82 years combined experience in massage therapy; diverse background of faculty includes registered nurse, exercise physiologist, chiropractor, physical therapy assistant, licensed esthetician, psychiatric technician and specialty certifications in lymphatic drainage, myofascial release, reiki, geriatric massage, energy therapies, neuromuscular therapy, medical massage therapy, and sports massage; state-of-the-art teaching facility that includes a 360-degree ceiling camera and video projection onto three walls, four hydraulic massage tables that adjust to decompress the lumbar region, and the Maniken system of building Anatomy in Clay™, and much more.

An engaging curriculum complete with three semesters of clinical experience designed to provide mastery of the basics, a thorough understanding of the musculoskeletal system and solid introductions to several sub-specialty areas of massage including: lifestyle, wellness, neuromuscular (trigger point) therapy, myofascial release, lymphatic drainage, energy therapy, acupressure, aromatherapy, reflexology, and PNF (Proprioceptive Neuromuscular Facilitation) stretching.



PCC energy students are blowin' in the wind

By David Cockrell, Ph.D., Dean of Business & Technology

In 2008 The American Solar Energy Society estimated between 2,250 and 37,100 jobs will be created in wind energy in Colorado by 2030. They highlighted wind energy as one of the most rapidly growing industries in the world with the second largest number of Colorado jobs within the renewable energy sector. Colorado must develop about 3,300 mega watts of wind and 200 mega watts of solar to meet the state's minimum Renewable Energy Standard (RES) requirements by 2025. With these needs in mind, PCC received a 2008 National Science Foundation MentorLinks grant to develop and implement a Wind Turbine Technology curriculum as part of the college's Energy Maintenance program.

The goals of PCC's MentorLinks project have been to understand and characterize the regional job market and training needs for wind turbine technicians and to develop and initiate research-based wind energy associate's degree and certificate training programs. Project principal investigator David Cockrell has led collaboration on curriculum development with other Colorado community colleges to initiate wind technology curricula along with a thorough examination of emerging energy growth patterns and job markets.

WindIngen's Michael Schmidt assisted in establishment of the program advisory committee, with technicians and administrators from Iberdrola Renewables, Inc., Shell Wind and Lamar Light & Power, who operate the wind farms in southeastern Colorado. During the 2009-2010 academic year, the college has committed \$80,000 in federal Carl Perkins CTE funds for acquisition of wind energy training equipment, and PCC's "teaching factory" is currently building electronics and motors & controls trainers for use in the curriculum.

PCC's Energy Maintenance lead faculty, Tom Elliott, has worked with the project's advisory committee to determine the training needs of entry-level technicians in the southern Colorado region. Our mentor college, Laramie

County Community College in Cheyenne, Wyoming, assisted us as we developed and received approval for course syllabi and curriculum for the program. The beginning wind technology courses in the curriculum are currently being taught at the college to Energy Maintenance students, and marketing is underway for the first full cohort of Wind Technology students to begin fall 2010.

During the 2010-11 final year of the project, our advisory committee will lead the way in cultivating internship opportunities and recruiting new students into the program. Our partnerships with Laramie County Community College and Northeastern Junior College will provide for the first cohort of "summer institute" students to take hands-on summer training capstone courses on wind turbines in the field. The project team is also exploring delivery of curriculum to wind technicians through mobile learning labs on-site at the wind farms in collaboration with neighboring community colleges.

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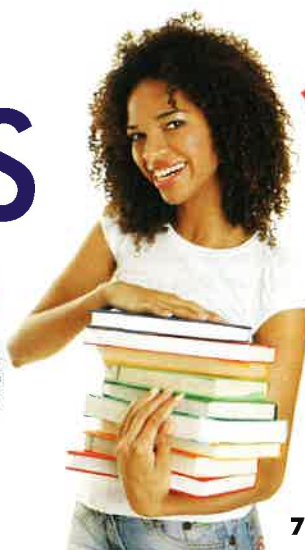


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Business After Hours at SCCC-East Campus

Shortly after the merger between Pueblo Community College and the San Juan Basin Technical College, the newly named Southwest Colorado Community College held a grand opening celebration. Announcements and ribbon cutting all took place during a "Business After Hours" event hosted by SCCC. "Business After Hours" is a monthly mixer organized by the Durango Chamber of Commerce and is a great way for the community to visit local businesses. The event attracted more than 150 people to the campus.

Guests were welcomed by delicious food, decorations, and SCCC staff. With underwriting from the PCC Foundation and support from neighboring Liquor World, the signature "SCCC-breeze" cocktail was created and served especially for the celebratory event. The top-secret blend was designed by Jill Carithers, Coordinator of Outreach & External Programs and the evening's event coordinator, who had a lot of fun organizing the event.

"It was exciting to see so many community members celebrate our successes as a college," said Dr. Lynn Urban, Dean of the SCCC-East campus.



Dr. Lynn Urban is pictured second from left, holding the scissors for the ribbon cutting.

Concurrent enrollment: SCCC teaches hundreds of high school students

By Lynn Urban, Dean of SCCC-East

Hundreds of high school students in southwest Colorado are earning high school credit, college credit, and getting a head start on their futures by enrolling in college classes offered in their high schools and at SCCC. Concurrent enrollment has been an option for many years in the region, but it has spiked recently due to the passage of two legislative bills supporting concurrent enrollment at Colorado high schools.

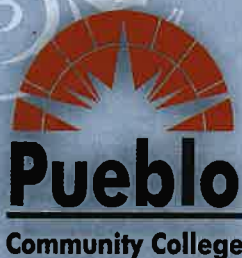


In this part of rural Colorado, the concurrent enrollment program is growing tremendously. Six area high schools are already participating and two more are showing interest for the upcoming school year.

Most of the participating students are taking college classes at the high school sites. The courses at each school vary, depending on student interest, academic plans, and schedules. Twenty-one different SCCC classes are being taught this spring, such as English Composition, Algebra, Biology, Political Science, Psychology, Spanish, Emergency Medical Training, and Photography.

In addition to SCCC bringing their classes to the area high schools, dozens of additional high school students are taking classes at the SCCC campuses. Three area high schools provide transportation for their students to get to SCCC and others travel some distance to get there. These concurrent enrollment students make a big commitment to take classes at SCCC. Not only do they still attend class when their high school is not in session, some of them wake up extra early to make it to SCCC on time. Automotive technology class is already bustling with students, both from high school and from the greater community, by 7:45 in the morning.

The willingness and eagerness of our young students continues to demonstrate our success in keeping students enrolled, and working towards their certificates and future employment.



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PCC's Pueblo Hall of Fame names three

In 1991, the Pueblo Hall of Fame was established to honor individuals who, by their extraordinary effort, have contributed to the betterment or enhancement of Pueblo. Our three inductees were considered on the basis of contributions in one or more of the following areas: all facets of education; business and labor; arts and humanities; philanthropy; government; law; science and technology; and health and human services.

Throughout their personal and professional careers, the team of **Sharon and Keith Swerdfeger** has exemplified outstanding philanthropy and community service. Therefore, as they were nominated to the Pueblo Hall of Fame in tandem, so shall they be recognized and honored.

Sharon Swerdfeger's eclectic blend of civic activities is shown by the numerous local organizations she belongs to such as: the Pueblo Zoological Society, YMCA, Pueblo South High School Alumni Association, Parkview Medical Center Foundation Board, the PCC Foundation Board and many others. She is known for her continuous energy and enthusiasm in any organization undertaking.

Keith Swerdfeger possesses the same personal attributes of generosity and humility as his spouse, while also possessing a tough Yankee entrepreneurial spirit for hard work. Business people in Pueblo will say it is Keith's expertise and collegial spirit that have made him a leader in business and professional organizations. He has served as President of PEDCo, Director of the Colorado Contractor Association, and Chairman of the City and County Regional Planning commission.

Both Swerdfegers have shined brightly in their unselfish giving of both money and in-kind contributions to countless organizations in Pueblo. By sharing their successful business blessings with others, they have also shared their hearts with countless people and entities in Pueblo that benefit from their largesse.

The first thing that strikes one about reading **Patty Erjavec's** impressive resume and supporting documents for nomination to the Pueblo Hall of Fame, is the systematic blending and broad range of for-profit, non-for-profit, and civic experiences.

In her previous position as President/CEO of El Pueblo, an Adolescent Treatment Community, she headed the second largest, non-for-profit residential childcare in Colorado.

Patty is well known locally in volunteer, educational circles as the 2009 retiring, two-term board member of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, the governing Board of Pueblo Pueblo Community College and thirteen other state community colleges. Not content with serving on just one major agency board, Patty has contributed mightily on boards of such diverse entities as: Pueblo City Schools Strategic Planning Commission, Pueblo Rotary #43, St. John Neumann Catholic School, the Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center, and many other volunteer and civic agencies.

She has humbly striven to help families and troubled youth for a good part of her life by contributing her considerable professional skills and experience in all activities in which she engages. For her overall excellence in promoting and enhancing lives in Pueblo, she deserves a prominent place of Pueblo's Hall of Fame.

We encourage you to send in your application for next year's candidates for the Pueblo Hall of Fame. The application can be accessed online at: www.pueblocc.edu/AboutUs/Foundation or by calling the Foundation Office at 719.549.3314.

Mondragon named classified employee of the year



Al Mondragon grew up in the city of San Luis, CO and later attended and graduated from Centennial High School. Soon afterward, he enrolled at what then was Pueblo Vocational Community College from 1979 to 1981, earning an Associated of Applied Science degree in carpentry and mill work. In 1982, PVCC was renamed Pueblo Community College.

Mondragon was a heavy equipment operator for several years before joining PCC in 1991 to work in Facility Services, where he continues to work today. On January 1, Mondragon began his 19th year of service at the college, and he says he still enjoys the work because "every day is a different challenge."

On a more personal note, Al has five children, five grandkids and one great grandchild. He is extremely well-liked at PCC for being a tireless worker, skilled at what he does, and one of the great joke tellers on campus.

PCC Foundation recognizes alumni and students

By Judge Joe T. Ulibarri

The PCC Alumni Association recognized various individuals in 2010 in two different categories, viz. "Student Recognition Award" and "Distinguished Alumni Awards." While the two categories seem vastly disparate and unrelated, they both recognize attributes in students and alumni which are prized by any college: perseverance in overcoming adversity to succeed, and commitment of oneself for the benefit of the larger community.

STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD

The Student Recognition awards at the Pueblo Community College graduation, held at Colorado State Fair Event Center, are truly unique to colleges in Colorado. This recognition award, initiated for the first time in 2009, recognizes those students at the Pueblo, Fremont, and Southwest campuses who, by sheer perseverance and unusual commitment despite life's challenges, have attained their certificate or degree. The award is unique in that it does not limit the honorees to high scholastic grade point average or class ranking level. Instead, it recognizes that the average community college student is older in age, oftentimes, working full or part time; and has a family to support while attending; or has mental, personal, societal or cultural handicaps to overcome in order to earn a degree or certificate. It is this smaller group of students that is recognized by this award.

Mary Waterman, Chair of the Pueblo Community College Alumni Association, recognized the three honorees at the graduation ceremonies. The 2010 Student Recognition Award recipients were: Yolanda Lucatero, Pueblo campus; Mariah Ellison, Fremont campus; James Brad Jesmer, SCCC West Campus, and Alyssa Hewitt, SCCC East Campus.



Brad Jesmer



Mariah Ellison



Yolanda Lucatero



Alyssa Hewitt

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS

The PCC Alumni Association introduced a new recognition at the school to honor its many thousands of past attendees and graduates of Pueblo Community College and Pueblo Junior College, its predecessor institution. The recognition is called the "Distinguished Alumni Award" and will be annually awarded to those alumni from those schools who, by extraordinary effort and commitment have attained success in their profession, and attained some measure of recognition in their community for civic work. By recognizing these individuals and their achievements, PCC is acknowledging pride in its past students and appropriating a small measure of the success achieved by them. Any school of higher learning hopes to imbue its students with the necessary educational tools and life skills to enable them to succeed in their field of study. Additionally, colleges strive to encourage their students to contribute to the well-being of their communities by engaging in civic, philanthropic and social welfare activities that benefit the entire community. These Alumni stars were honored at a luncheon where the graduates were presented with a plaque signifying their contributions. The Alumni Association attempts to recognize distinguished alumni in each of the various schools or departments at PCC, e.g. Business and Technology, Arts and Sciences, and Health Professions. This year's inaugural group of honorees features graduates from Pueblo Jr. College in the 1940's, as well as more recent graduates at PCC. The 2010 Distinguished Alumni selectees are: William Mattoon, Pueblo Jr. College (1949); Ralph Williams, Pueblo Jr. College, (1961); Pat McGraw, Pueblo Jr. College, (1963); Shirley Marino, Pueblo Community College, (1987); and Leroy Garcia, Jr., Pueblo Community College, (2005).



Leroy Garcia



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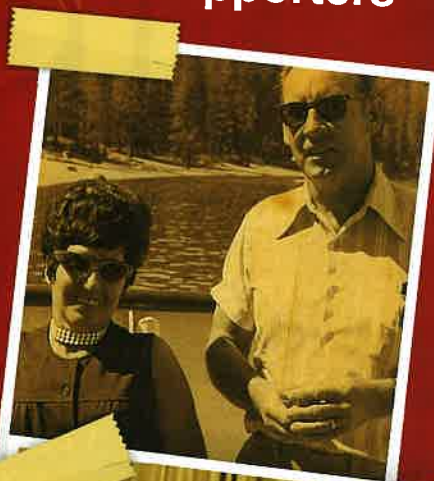
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Chris and Joe Povlock

Pueblo native Chris Povlock and her husband Joe, of Michigan City, IA, will always be remembered by friends and family for their generosity. Even though Chris and Joe had no children of their own, they loved young people and were strong advocates of education. In their estate planning they designated the Pueblo Community College Foundation as a beneficiary of their family home. Joe passed away in 1993 and unfortunately, Chris recently passed away in 2009. We thank the Benko family for coordinating the estate. With the proceeds from the recent sale of the home, the PCC Foundation will be able to assist the Disability Resource Center with its programs.



Jatras creates scholarship to help students succeed

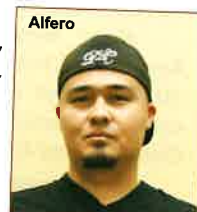
The PCC Foundation thanks **Jim Jatras** for creating a scholarship for second year students enrolled and accepted into the health program. All health students are eligible, but preference will be given to OTA students.

Son of a Greek immigrant, Jim was born in 1928 in Clairton, PA. Because his parents couldn't afford to send him to college, Jim worked in a steel mill after graduating. In 1950, at age 21, Jim enlisted in the Air Force. During that time, Jim earned two years of college credits, worked as an administrative clerk, a purchasing agent, and completed a tour of duty in Viet Nam. Today, Jim lives in San Antonio, TX. Knowing the important role education plays in helping young people succeed, and after learning about the struggles of some PCC students from his niece and PCC staff member Becky Robler, Jim reached out to the PCC Foundation to offer his help. Thank you Jim for your generous donation, and helping change students' lives!

Foundation scholarship recipients

CARDINAL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Cardinal Family scholarship was started in 2005 by David and Marianne Cardinal. Among many other contributors to the scholarship fund are David's two brothers, Robert and Sam. David has always been a supporter of Pueblo either through his integral role in the creation of the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation or his involvement with the Greater Pueblo Chamber. The scholarship is not restricted to a specific program at PCC. The 2009-2010 recipient of the Cardinal Family is Albert Alfero.



SNYDER MARKETING SCHOLARSHIP



Greg Snyder is President/CEO of Incognito Marketing, Colorado Springs, specializing in marketing for manufacturers. In 2007, Greg began a scholarship with the PCC Foundation to be awarded to students obtaining degrees in Machining Technology, Industrial Electronics Technology, Engineering Technology, or Welding Technology. One of his goals is to help rebuild the manufacturing industry through marketing, education, and providing a good workforce. The 2009-2010 recipient of the Incognito Marketing scholarship is Scott Pearson.

Weindlings make PCC a primary beneficiary



Pueblo natives Ben and Shirley Weindling recently selected PCC as one of their primary beneficiaries. Ben gives credit to PCC (PJC in 1942) for turning his life around. After graduating from high school, Ben attended the college for a year before joining the U.S. Army. He said, "PCC is an asset to the city and the region, and we want to show our appreciation for what it did for us." Although they recently moved to Denver to be closer to their children and grandchildren, they said that their hearts will always be in Pueblo. To learn more about making the PCC a primary beneficiary in your will, call the PCC Foundation Office in Pueblo at 719.549.3303.

ALUMNI UPDATES

1940s

Gordon D. Hinds '41 of Colorado Springs, CO, graduated from PJC in 1941. He was the City Attorney for Pueblo and for Colorado Springs.



H. Ben Weindling '42 of Littleton, CO, and his wife, Shirley, recently moved north to be closer to family. The Weindlings are major financial supporters of the PCC Foundation.

Arthur W. Schmitt '43 of Boulder City, NV, retired from the Federal Aviation Administration.



1950s

Janet E. Barry '59 and her husband, Wayne, of Pueblo West, CO, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 20, 2009.

1960s

William R. Ossolinski '61 was born in Chicopee, MA. Upon completing his education at Chicopee High School, Ossolinski traveled to Colorado to attend Pueblo Junior College, playing football for Joe Prater. After two years at Pueblo Junior College, Ossolinski graduated with an associate's degree and later earned a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Nevada. He and his wife, Lynn, received their master's degrees in educational administration from the University of San Francisco in 1985.

His career included being a physical education teacher and football coach at Chicopee High School in Massachusetts; a physical education teacher and coach in Carson City, NV; and a physical education teacher, student driver instructor, and health teacher for 30 years at Incline Village, NV.

William later worked in administration, including time spent as a counselor, athletic director, and as an assistant principal. Ossolinski fondly recalls his 13 years coaching and working with his wife at Incline High School where she worked as the school librarian.

In 2000, he and his wife retired to Rancho Murieta, CA, to enjoy fly fishing and pheasant hunting. Their son, Bryan, attended the Air Force Academy and retired in 2009 as a Colonel. He now works for the Department of Defense in Colorado Springs, CO. Their daughter, Regina, is currently a librarian at Stanford University, California; she attended Smith College in Northampton, MA, and earned advanced degrees from the University of California, San Jose and Stanford.

Ronald L. Darby '67 of Pueblo retired after 30 years between PCC and CSU-Pueblo, where he was the department chair of the Automotive Industry Management program. He now has a part-time sales position at Pueblo Bearing Services. He spends his free time with his son building a stock car to race at the I-25 Speedway.

1980s

Shirley B. Martinez '82 of Pueblo went on to complete an accounting/word processing program at Pueblo College of Business after graduating from PCC. She worked with a local public accountant for almost four years. She later became employed at the State of Colorado within the Judicial Department, working as an administrative assistant for the Useful Public Service program, which monitors offenders ordered to perform community service work. After more than 20 years, Martinez retired and later directed office and case management procedures for the program. She also served as first vice-president of Colorado Alternative Sentencing Programs (CASP), which is the statewide membership of community service programs.

She spends priceless time with her nine grandchildren, volunteers as a delivery driver for Meals on Wheels, and serves as a member of the Community Services Advisory Commission (a committee that assists the Pueblo County Commissioners and Pueblo City Council with non-profit funding recommendations).



Lorrie J. Marquez '83 of Pueblo married after graduation and moved to Colorado Springs where she lived for nearly 10 years. She and her husband were blessed in 1988 with twins, Johnathan and Alexis, and a daughter, Jessica, in 1996. While in Colorado Springs, Marquez worked in the hospitality industry where her education played a key role in her employment. She and her family returned to Pueblo in 1993. For the past 14 years, Marquez has worked as the Facilities and Beverage Manager for Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center. She credits much of her success to the education and training she received at PCC and Central High School.

Thomas L. '84 and Joyce E. Rivera '85 of Denver, CO, worked for PCC in the computer center, and later worked for Lamar Community College. In 1994, Thomas returned to Pueblo, where he ran the Colorado Department IT department after five years of working as a technician. He is now the Security Officer/Enterprise Architect for the Colorado Department of Transportation, where he has received countless awards.

Robin D. (Reynolds) Johnson '88 of Granby, CO worked at Colorado Women's Correctional Facility in Canon City for nearly two years. She later moved from Canon City to Grand Lake, CO. At the time she graduated and moved, Johnson was a single mom. Today, she has been remarried for eight years and has eight grandchildren. Johnson is hoping to reconnect with old classmates, especially her close friends from knitting class.

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alumni updates

Donors don't give to institutions. They invest in ideas and people in whom they believe.

- G.T. SMITH

Francys E. Marsh '88 of Pueblo and life-long friend and husband Pat, have been married for 37 years. They have two children, Shaun and Shelley, who are both married. Francys and Pat have three grandchildren, with another one on the way.



Francys graduated from PCC in 1987 with an associate's degree in small business administration. She worked in various sales positions until she landed a job at the Oracle Corp in 2000 in Colorado Springs. She commuted to Oracle Corp every day for 15 years, selling software support licenses and services. She later went to work at Hewlett Packard until she opened her own business, Frani's Beads, in the Midtown Shopping Center in Pueblo.

After many years in corporate America and working for others, she is tremendously happy owning and operating her own business. She has met some wonderful people in the industry and has not met a beader she can't trust! She has operated a total of three small businesses. With each one, she has learned many lessons, and loves passing on her knowledge to others. Over the years, Francys has taught classes for the Community Education & Pre-College Division at PCC.

1990s

Jeff C. Rodriguez '93 of Commerce City, CO, has worked in both welding and carpentry. He became a welder under the instruction of Leroy Martinez through the A.V.C. program in high school and continued on to PCC, where he obtained his associate's degree under the instruction of Emilio Gonzales. After graduation, he moved to Denver and worked in lead and management positions. Fascinated with building homes, he later worked in carpentry. Today, he is returning to Red Rock Community College to obtain an A.A.S. Construction Management degree and plans to continue at DeVry University for a bachelor's degree.

Holly L. Piserchio '93 of Pueblo is a social services case manager, working with elderly, blind, disabled, and mentally ill people. She plans to attend Capella University to pursue her master's degree in counseling studies. She has three children - two boys and one girl.

Barbara A. Drake '93 of Loveland, CO, is a Mammography Technologist at Advanced Medical Imaging in Denver.

Debora Jimenez '94 of Gallup, NM, recently returned to school to earn her BSN. She loves to travel and spend time with her daughter and grandchildren.

Lyle D. McCartee '96 of Austin, TX, has been a television news photographer for the past 15 years. His career started at KOAA-TV in southern Colorado and has taken him to many different and interesting places. He has covered numerous historic events that include Election Night 2000 in Austin, TX, with then Gov. George Bush, to the Space Shuttle Columbia tragedy, to the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, to most recently the plane that flew into the IRS building in Austin, TX.

He spent a good portion of his career in Austin, but for most of 2009 was living and working in Miami, FL, covering news for CBS where he reported on crime and corruption, and "celebrity" news. Since returning to Austin, he has enrolled at the community college to pursue an AAS degree in visual communications (graphic design/web-publishing). His goal is to pursue government work with his new skills. He is pictured standing in front of Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany.



2000s

Ava DeHerrera '04 of Pueblo has been employed at The Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years. She sings in the choir at Praise Assembly of God. She has two children, who are currently attending PCC, and is proud grandma to six.

Jill C. Sanchez '04 of Pueblo graduated with an associate's degree in accounting. She continued her education at Colorado State University-Pueblo and graduated from the Hasan School of Business with her BSBA cum laude in 2009. Jill worked in the banking industry for 10 years, coordinated Religious Education for Holy Family Catholic Church, and taught professional development courses for Community Education while fostering her love of helping others. Today, Jill is a Community Education Coordinator at Pueblo Community College in the Community Education Training Division & Pre-College programs. She is married to Robert Sanchez and has two daughters.

Jessica R. (Hunt) Atchley '04 of Bayfield, CO, married Mike Atchley on August 21, 2009. She recently earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from PCC and is employed with Centura Hospitals in the Medical-Surgical/Hospice/Oncology/Transplant and Telemetry units.



Kathleen J. Ferris '04 of Pagosa Springs, CO, since graduating, has become a great grandma twice! She is married to Dave and still substitute teaches in Pagosa Springs where she continues to work toward earning her teaching degree.

Elysia J. Smith '05 of Pueblo has been married for 14 years, is a mother of three - Jacob, age 12; Justin, age 11; and Nathan, age 8. Since graduating, Smith has worked in physical therapy. She enjoys time with her family and meeting new people as an Avon representative.

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Esther L. Searcy '05 and '08 of Pueblo has worked for South Central BOCES as a certified occupational therapy assistant at Fremont elementary and middle schools for the past year.

Catherine Magel '05 of Pueblo is currently studying mass communications and Chicano studies at CSU-Pueblo.

Philip G. Abrahamson '05 of Jamaica Plain, MA, will graduate this spring with a master's in theological studies from Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, and will be presenting a paper at the American Academy of Religion National Meeting in Atlanta, GA, in October.

Amanda K. (Giltner) and Moses Winchester '05 of Pueblo met each other while attending PCC and were married in 2008 at PCC's amphitheater. In 2009, their daughter, Kennedy, was born. Amanda is working at St. Mary Corwin Hospital as registered Sonographer and radiology tech. She earned her bachelor's degree in radiologic sciences from Midwestern State University. Moses Winchester graduated 2005 from the radiology program, and has worked at ParkWest Imaging for five years as a registered CT and radiology tech.

Christopher C. Coram '06 of Penrose, CO, graduated from the PCC Fremont nursing program three years ago. He works for the Vascular Center of Colorado as a RN in the Cath Lab.

Tamra M. '06 and Brian Axworthy '07 have two sons, one-year-old Isaac Indiana Axworthy and eight-year-old Kaleb Graham Axworthy.



Carl Diaz '07 of Pueblo graduated in May 2010 with his bachelor's degree in social work. He obtained his degree by first earning his associate's degree from PCC.

Karilynn S. Yalotz '08 of Pueblo is the Youth Program Coordinator for the Community Education Training Division. Yalotz has a degree in accounting and six years experience in coordinating and developing non-credit course offerings. Her main focus is Kids' College and youth academies. Youth academies provide educational opportunities and career exploration for community youth, while also enhancing students' skills in math, reading, and language. The programs also teach students key strategies to succeed in the classroom and workplace.

John T. Webber '09 of Fowler, CO, worked for nearly 20 years as a firefighter. He participated in the Fire Science Technology program at PCC and is now a certified program instructor.

Kendra I Carstensen '09 of Pueblo attends CSU-Pueblo and plans to graduate with a bachelor's degree in sociology/criminology in May 2011.

Maureen S. Cortes '09 of Colorado Springs, CO, is a certified occupational therapy assistant in Colorado Springs. She recently returned to UCCS (where she received her bachelor's degree in 1980) and is now in the process of applying to graduate school in a new program called Health Promotion. She joined a volleyball team and will compete in the summer Senior Olympic Games, which will take place on her 52nd birthday in September.

Amanda Romano '09 of Canon City, CO, was crowned Miss Colorado Galaxy 2010 in March. She is currently working to earn her a degree in political science at CSU-Pueblo.



Brandi R. (Montiel) Garcia '09 of Pueblo transferred to CSU-Pueblo where she's working toward earning a bachelor's degree in business management.

Douglas W. Cox '09 of Pueblo West operates a new business called SoCoSolar. He has already installed a new Residential Grid Tie Solar System in Pueblo West.



Rachel K. Piske '09 of Prescott, AZ, attended Altrain Dental Assisting Academy in Glendale, AZ, and graduated in April 2010. She works as a dental assistant and hopes to obtain her DDS in the near future. She is engaged to Devin C. Gunther and is expecting their first child.

Jessica M. Jaramillo '09 of Pueblo graduated from PCC in May 2009 with an AGS degree and recently returned to earn her associate's degree in social work. She plans to graduate next year. She also started her own photography business.

Lora J. Lilly '09 of Siera Vista, AZ, recently passed the Dental Assisting National Board and is now a certified dental assistant. In October, her family had to relocate from Huachuca to Sierra Vista, AZ, because her husband Robert was moved to a new military base. She notes that it took only two weeks to find a new job in her new town. In addition to her new job, Lora is enrolled at the Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Examination, and hopes to be certified in the coming months.

Alicia M. Holscher '10 of Guam, was married to Jon in April 2010. She is a naval officer station in Guam and works on base as a physical therapy technician. She has a one-year-old daughter.



Cassie L. Schwab '10 of Pueblo works as a server and cook at Carino's Italian Restaurant. She plans to move to Denver in May to pursue a bachelor's degree in culinary arts.

Tabitha C. Beach '10 of Gaylord, MI, was enrolled in the LPN to RN program at the Fremont Campus and graduated from the nursing program in December 2009. She stated that she "received an exceptional education that allowed me to move to my home state of Michigan to be closer to family. I successfully passed my State Board exam March 1st." She is now working her dream job as a hospice nurse for Mercy Hospice in Grayling, MI.

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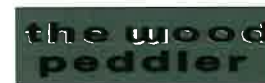
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