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The Year in Review

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 2014-15 · JULY 1, 2014-JUNE 30, 2015



Greetings from the PCC Foundation Board of Directors' President

On behalf of the Pueblo Community College Foundation, I would like to send my sincere appreciation to everyone who has supported our Foundation during the past year. As the fundraising arm of Pueblo Community College, we rely on many individuals, businesses, foundations and community organizations to help support educational opportunities in Southern Colorado.

It has been an honor to serve as President of the Board of Directors of the Foundation for the past year. I have been privileged to serve on this board for 26 years, and during this time, I have witnessed great advancements at both PCC and within the Foundation.

In the spring, the prestigious Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program ranked PCC fourth among all two- and four-year colleges and universities in terms of long-term career success and earning power. The report, titled "Beyond College Rankings: A Value-Added Approach to Assessing Two and Four-year Schools," was an independent study that used government and private data sources. Researchers crunched the numbers on thousands of schools that provide associate and bachelor degrees, comparing graduates' mid-career salaries, rates of student-loan repayment, and schools' financial aid and career-services offerings. The report is the first to develop a measure of "value added" for two- and four-year colleges.

The Foundation is committed to support PCC and students who enroll at any of its four Southern Colorado campuses. As such, the Foundation awarded 307 student scholarships during academic year 2014-15, totaling more than \$380,000.

In addition to scholarships, the Foundation has partnered with PCC by giving financial support to a variety of programs.

Efforts include helping the PCC Associated Student Government garner support for the Panther Student Entry, the first student-run food bank in Southern Colorado.

The Foundation also assisted with the coordination of "Mingling and Mocktails," a special activity for PCC business students and DECA and FBLA students from Pueblo City Schools and District 70. The culmination of a semester of study was a professional networking and etiquette dinner featuring the nation's largest cupcake entrepreneur, Nashville's Gigi Butler. She spent two days on the PCC Pueblo Campus, sharing her recipe for success with business and culinary students.

And, thanks to a Foundation-directed grant from Foundation Board Member Mary Jane Voelker, the PCC Culinary & Hospitality Department received even more support. Ms. Voelker purchased much-needed equipment for the culinary department and funded travel for 10 culinary and hospitality students to experiential labs in Northern California (2014) and Las Vegas (2015).

These are a few examples that demonstrate how the Foundation worked with our generous donors to provide support to Pueblo Community College during the past year. There are hundreds of other instances of generosity and we are most appreciative of each and every person who makes a commitment to invest within the Foundation.

I hope that you will spend some time reviewing the information contained within this edition of Legacy and learn more about Pueblo Community College and the Pueblo Community College Foundation. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you; to expand upon the information contained within and work toward garnering even greater support from you. You hold the key to our ultimate success!

Thank you, and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

Joe Welte

President – Pueblo Community College Foundation

PCC FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Pueblo Community College Foundation is to align funding for Pueblo Community College through Foundation-approved efforts that support and promote student success.

2015 was a Big Year at PCC

● PCC Ranked No. 4 in Value Added Education

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PCC gets State Board approval to offer 4-year bachelor's degree in Dental Hygiene

On Aug. 12, the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education gave PCC approval to offer its first Bachelor of Applied Science degree. The Board's action will allow PCC to offer a four-year degree in Dental Hygiene. Once the plan is reviewed and approved by the Colorado Commission for Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission, PCC will become the second community college in the state to offer a bachelor's degree. It is anticipated that PCC's new four-year DH program will begin in Fall 2016.

Ambulance donation to SCCC campus to provide real-world experience

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program at PCC's SCCC-West site in Mancos was given a huge boost in August when it received a donated 1999 ambulance from the Los Pinos Fire Department in Ignacio. The ambulance will be used to help train students by giving them experience in working out of an ambulance.

Mobile Learning Labs earn national awards

PCC's development of a fleet of mobile learning labs for meeting manufacturing workforce needs in our service areas earned it selection among the 10 finalists for a national Community College Futures Assembly's Bellwether Award for Innovation. The award recognizes cutting-edge, trend-setting

● programs that other colleges might find worth replicating. PCC's Pueblo Corporate College operates four mobile labs from the Pueblo campus and three from the SCCC campus in Mancos.

In the fall, PCC's mobile labs earned the National Council for Continuing Education & Training's 2015 Exemplary Program Award during the group's annual conference in Portland, OR.

SCCC added Fire Science and EMS degree programs to its course offerings this last summer. The EMS program includes paramedic training, while the Fire Science curriculum includes certifications in Firefighter I and II and Wildland Firefighting. Basic life support EMS programs continue to be offered at the SCCC-East site in Durango.

Fremont Campus students helping build Geology Time Trail

Construction on the PCC Fremont Campus' geology time trail began in September when students and community members built the first 500 feet of trail that will eventually connect with Cañon City's Riverwalk. The Crossroads Through Time Heritage Park, located on the Fremont Campus, has been a vision in the making for the past year. It is designed to highlight the community's rich geology, paleontology, and historical heritage.



PCC receives large capital award

PCC has been awarded \$3.6 million in state funding for a capital renewal project that will upgrade the Davis Academic Building infrastructure. This is the largest capital construction project award being made to any community college in Colorado this year.

The funding will be used for the design and completion of five main maintenance projects. In addition, funding will go toward purchasing mechanical systems equipment that would be installed in a future phase two of the project.

The award was announced at a press conference on the Pueblo Campus on July 27. Attendees included (from left) PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec, State Sen. Leroy Garcia, and State Representatives Daneya Esgar and Ed Vigil.



PCC announces new division: Pueblo Corporate College

On Sept. 22, PCC unveiled Pueblo Corporate College. It's a new division of the college that blends PCC's credit and non-credit instructional programs as well as expands training services.

By combining assets, Pueblo Corporate College aims to become an efficient operation that provides training services in areas that it has hardly touched on or not done in the



past. The ultimate goal is to have a central unit that caters to the training needs of companies, adult learners, and the community.

PCC still the "Best place to Work"

For the third consecutive year, PCC was voted the Best Place to Work in *The Pueblo Chieftain's* fourth annual city-wide Best of Pueblo contest. The first year of the contest in 2012, PCC was rated No. 2.

Tour of PCC health facilities at hospital is an eye-opener

As part of PCC being selected the Most Promising Program in the Colorado Department of Higher Education's Colorado Completes campaign, former Lt. Governor Joe Garcia and CCCS President Dr. Nancy McCallin toured our health program facilities at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center on October 24, 2014. They expressed being impressed with our Simulation Center, Surgical Technology lab, and emergency training operations house.





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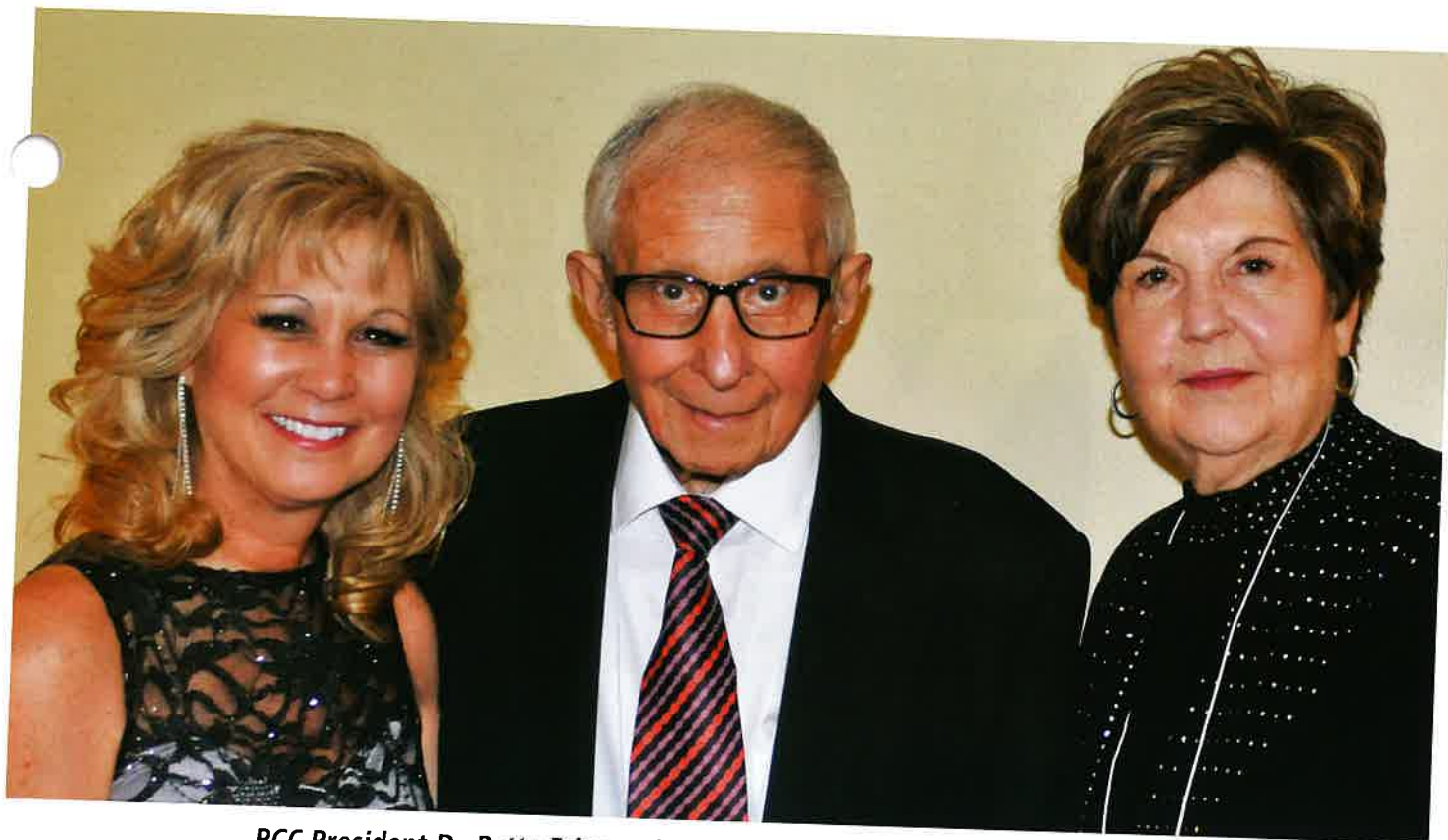
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PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec (left) congratulates Eddie and Neta DeRose at their induction into the Pueblo Hall of Fame on March 6.

“They can come out of PCC and go to work. Become a hygienist or an auto mechanic. They make good money. Those are the jobs that count.”

– Eddie DeRose

Not only have Neta and Eddie DeRose made a life here, but they have given back to the community on many levels. The football stadium on the Colorado State University-Pueblo campus carries their names and they have been recognized many times for their generosity to Pueblo and its causes.

But Eddie DeRose has a long memory. He hasn't forgotten the summer he dug out creosote-soaked railroad ties at the old Pueblo Army Depot and shoveled hot asphalt for a local contractor. He wrapped up the long, long days working at Pueblo Greyhound Park.

He identifies with teenagers who have struggled to find their way without family advantages.

“I know what it felt like to be down, that's why I like this PCC,” he said.

“They can come out of PCC and go to work,” DeRose said. “Become a hygienist or an auto mechanic. They make good money. Those are the jobs that count.”

He was especially pleased when PCC announced plans for a four-year hygienist degree after the Colorado Legislature opened the door for community colleges to expand in locations where a four-year degree is not offered.

“I sent Patty a note, congratulating her,” DeRose said about PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec. “Isn't she doing such a good job? PCC has grown so much.”

President's Circle

Voelker, Kane Foundation honored



Mary Jane Voelker

Two important philanthropists were brought into the Pueblo Community College President's Circle in 2015 – Mary Jane Voelker and the Kane Family Foundation.

Voelker, a Battle Creek, Michigan, native who wrapped up a dynamic career in San Francisco, visited Pueblo in 2003 and moved here in 2006. Voelker's second career in hotel management motivated her to embrace the PCC culinary program, where her generosity has made a difference.

Wanden and Andy Kane were ranchers and philanthropists from Fountain, who greatly believed in independence through education.

Since 2008, The Kane Family Foundation has provided scholarships to PCC students who intend to transfer upon graduation. These scholarships pay full tuition until the student graduates with a bachelor's degree.



Andy and Wanden Kane

2nd Senior Law Day

Justice featured at popular event



Gregory Hobbs

Colorado Supreme Court Justice Gregory J. Hobbs was the keynote speaker and James Jarman of KRDO returned to emcee the highly-successful second annual Senior Law Day on Aug. 16, 2014 at Pueblo Community College.

The half-day event provided important and useful legal information on many issues including estate planning, probate issues, fraud and identity theft, grandparents' rights. In addition to the seminars offered, participants were able to have a brief, personal session with a member of the Pueblo and Southern Colorado legal communities, who volunteered their time for free legal sessions.

Hobbs was first appointed to the Colorado Supreme Court in 1996 and he has been retained by voters to two 10-year terms. Prior to that, he practiced law for 23 years.

Beau Ballinger, a senior program specialist with the AARP Foundation in Denver, also spoke. Pueblo attorney Paul Willumstad concluded the program with a discussion of wills, trusts and basic estate planning. Participants also received a Senior Law Handbook.

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Fore! Education tourney

Sun finally shines on golf fundraiser

The clouds soon parted after a gloomy beginning for the annual Fore! Education, the PCC Foundation Golf Tournament at the Pueblo Country Club to benefit PCC scholarship programs.

"Today's weather is a lot like our students – we start out with some adversity but eventually we are brightly shining in the end," PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec said, summing up the day perfectly.

Thirty five teams participated in the fundraiser for the PCC Foundation which culminated with lunch and an awards program.



Members of the Spradley Auto Network team (from left) Pete Severson, John Secora, Kris Spradley and Jack Everhart, teamed up for a winning foursome at the Fore! Education Golf Tournament at the Pueblo Country Club.

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Fremont Campus Addition to Benefit Students

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in August 2014 to kick off the Student Commons Addition project on our Fremont Campus in Cañon City, and the 2,820-square-foot project opened in May 2015 for use during the spring semester.

The Commons provides an area for student clubs, functions, and as a gathering area before and after classes. It also is available for community events.

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Gigi's Cupcakes founder shares her recipe for success

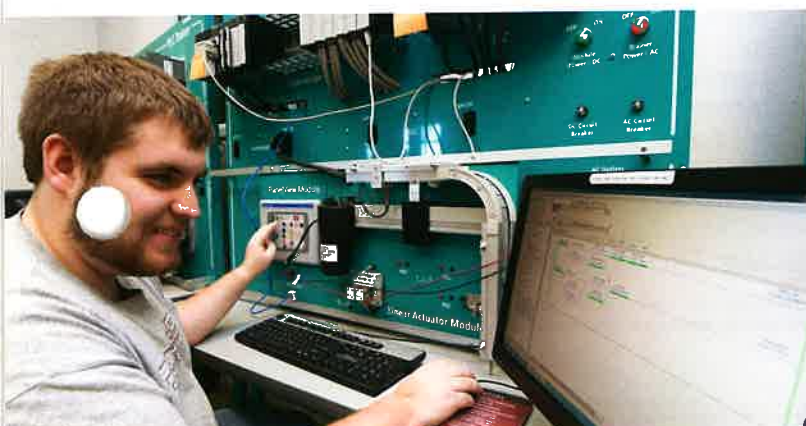
The PCC Foundation was delighted to welcome Gigi Butler, founder and culinary creator of Gigi's Cupcakes, to Pueblo. Ms. Butler was the keynote speaker at the 2015 Mingling & Mocktails event on April 2, and visited with students and faculty from PCC's Culinary Arts department and others at a VIP Breakfast on April 3. She shared her inspiring story of creating the country's largest cupcake business from the ground up.

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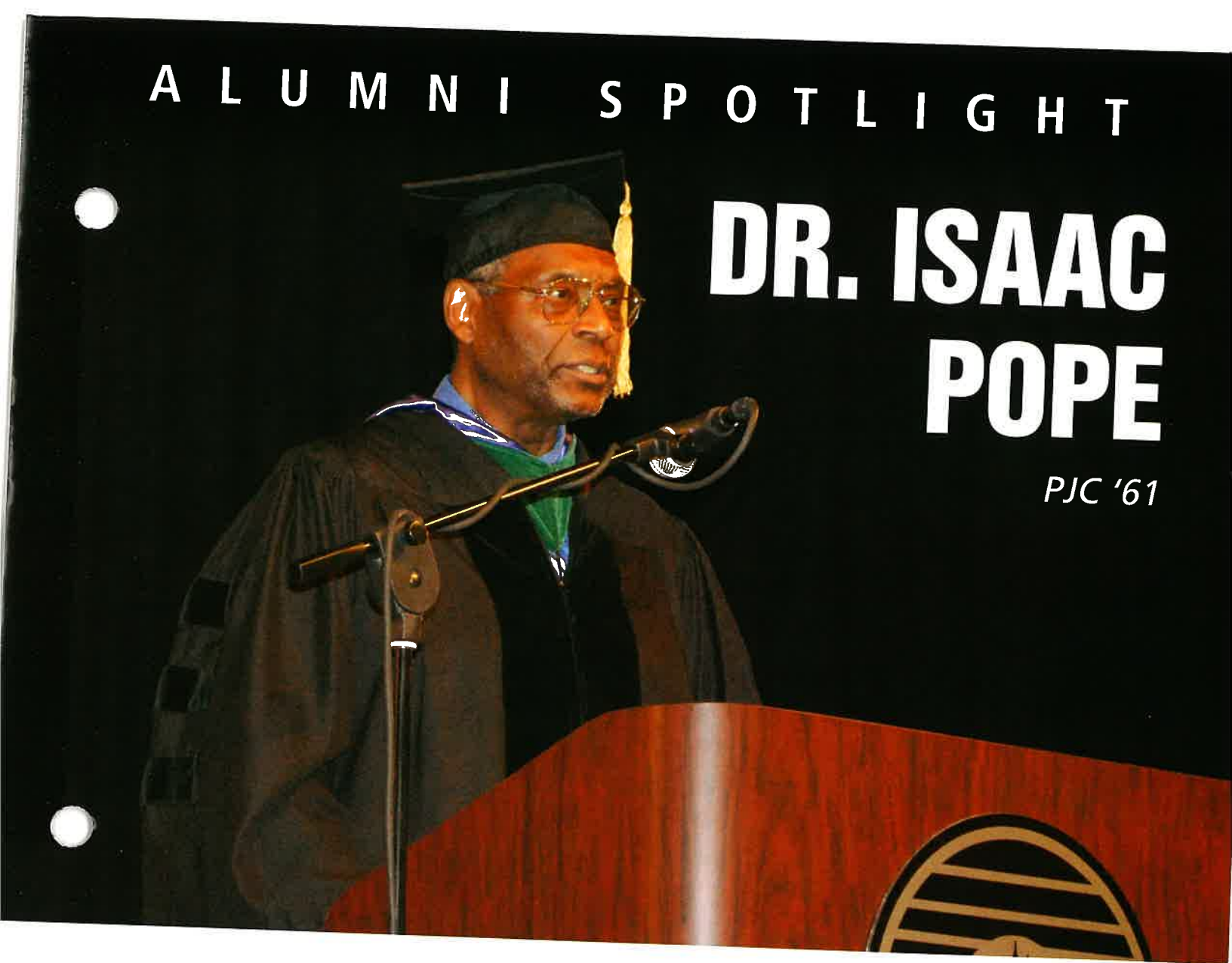
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More than 50 years after attending Pueblo Junior College, Dr. Isaac Pope came back to the campus in May as the commencement speaker for Pueblo Community College.

Pope, who was a part of the 1961 National Junior College basketball championship team and went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Washington Medical School in 1974, addressed 849 graduates of the Pueblo and Fremont campuses at the Southwest Motors Event Center at the Colorado State Fairgrounds.

"You must have a life plan, you must more than ever be able to advocate for yourself," Pope told the graduates.

Pope had the life experience to back up his words. Born in Tennessee as the third of five children, his

family rapidly grew to 10 when his parents took in five orphaned children. His father worked in a cement plant and his mother ran a catering service.

"They pushed us," Pope said about his parents, who ended their formal education in ninth grade. Military service brought Pope to Colorado and eventually to Pueblo Junior College to play football.

Pope found he couldn't scrape by playing football without some help and when basketball coach Harry Simmons devised a plan to help the young man, he switched sports.

Although his stay in Pueblo as a student was brief, Pope said at a PCC Foundation lunch, it was an academic springboard for him.

Several PJC professors took an interest in him and helped shape his future goals.

"When you are successful, don't forget where you came from. Give back to your family or to your community."

-- Dr. Isaac Pope