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The Year in Review

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 2016-17 · JULY 1, 2016-JUNE 30, 2017

value and an important contributor to local economies. We have become the first choice for many students, both traditional and nontraditional. Yes, we are the first choice for success!

At Pueblo Community College, performance matters – with access, affordability, and above all else, student success. We remain focused on student retention, completion, transfer, remedial completion, and operational excellence.

The US average of expense spent on instruction is 53.9 percent. Here at PCC, we are proud to boast a 55.4 percent average. The “awards per 100 FTE” is also an important comparison metric to highlight, because it naturally scales – it’s a measurement of pure operational efficiency – since FTE is the input and awards are the output. As such, PCC’s three-year average number of total degrees and certificates awarded is

2,197 while the national average of similar schools is 1,773.

Given the fact that we are tuition dependent and more than 70 percent of our students are eligible for federal financial aid, your generosity plays a critical role in our students’ success. Your financial support, moral support, and ongoing involvement are so very important and greatly appreciated. On behalf of this administration, faculty, staff, and most importantly our students, thank you for your continued investment in this great institution!

With warm regards and sincere appreciation,



Patricia A. Erjavec, Ph.D.
PCC President

financial assistance to students in need through the LeVert W. Hoag Helping Hands grant program; and worked to develop a clothing closet for students needing proper dress for job interviews and special events. We also sought donations to help with the college’s Health and Public Safety and Business and Advanced Technology programs.

The foundation works closely with all campuses by coordinating projects to increase scholarship awards. At the Fremont campus, the foundation hosts a variety of special events and we recently initiated a community outreach program in the southwest area (Durango and Mancos) to garner community support to increase scholarships and college programs in that area.

The PCC Foundation is committed to raising the awareness and the dollars needed to support all aspects

of Pueblo Community College. We hope many of you will continue your support of our efforts and become actively involved during the coming year in an effort to expand our scope of services provided to the college and its students.

On behalf of all of us involved with the PCC Foundation, we wish you and yours a happy Holiday season and a New Year filled with good health, much happiness and great prosperity.

Thank You Kindly,



Paul Willumstad
President
PCC Foundation

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Assets

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$446,417 |
| Investments | 6,199,464 |
| Asset held for sale | 425,000 |
| Unconditional Promises to Give, Net..... | 28,275 |
| Accounts Receivable..... | 20,982 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 10,951 |
| Property and Equipment, Net | 146,084 |
| Total Assets | \$7,227,123 |

Liabilities

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$11,624 |
| Other Liabilities..... | 70,906 |
| Total Liabilities..... | \$82,530 |

Net Assets

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted..... | \$1,754,091 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 2,913,933 |
| Permanently Restricted | 2,526,619 |
| Total Net Assets | \$7,194,643 |

Total Liabilities & Net Assets ... \$7,277,173

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FOUNDATION SCHOLAR-DONOR LUNCHEON CELEBRATES MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The PCC Foundation hosted a luncheon in the Fortino Ballroom on the Pueblo Campus on Tuesday, October 3, to congratulate the 2016-17 scholarship recipients and to thank the many donors for their financial support to make these awards possible.

PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec welcomed everyone to the festivities, and Scholarship Committee Chairwoman Barbara Fortino thanked everyone for their hard work.

Shelley Banker, Deputy Director of the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative, addressed the gathering on the importance of scholarship funding in Colorado, and PCC Foundation student scholar Mary Lee, selected to receive the prestigious Kane Family Foundation Scholarship, delivered an outstanding speech.

JOIN US IN 2018!

UPCOMING FOUNDATION EVENTS

FEBRUARY 10

**PUEBLO HALL OF FAME
INDUCTION CEREMONY & DINNER**
FORTINO BALLROOM

APRIL 3

**5TH ANNUAL
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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON
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HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS

PCC held a press conference on March 29 to detail the significant economic and educational impact of the school's health care partnerships. The CEOs of all three Pueblo hospitals spoke of the vital nature of their collaboration with PCC. In addition, representatives at PCC's Mancos campus announced a new LPN program and an articulation agreement with the CU-Anschutz Medical Campus for a bachelor's degree in nursing.

FREMONT CAMPUS INCREASES CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT TALLY

The Fremont Campus increased concurrent enrollment in 2016-2017 by 152 students. Overall, PCC increased its percentage of concurrent enrollment students by 0.6 percent, the third-largest increase in the Colorado Community College System.

NATIONAL HONOR FOR GTC

PCC's Gateway to College program was recognized by the Gateway to College National Network with its Program Excellence Award. Led by Jeanelle Soto-Quintana, the program exceeded all four of the network's performance benchmarks – one of only eight programs in the nation to do so.

MACHINING PROGRAM NATIONALLY ACCREDITED

PCC's Machining program received accreditation from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills. NIMS representatives conducted an on-site inspection of all aspects of the program to ensure it meets the institute's strict quality requirements. PCC's accreditation is good for five years.

VETERANS LOUNGE OPENS ON CAMPUS

The new Veterans Lounge on the Pueblo Campus opened on Veterans Day with a large crowd of supporters in attendance. It's a dedicated space for student veterans to relax, share experiences and get assistance from a Veterans Upward Bound representative.



PTA STUDENT RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD

Annaliese Rychener-Peters, a PCC Physical Therapist Assistant student, received the Pauline Cerasoli Academic and Clinical Excellence (ACE) Award as Colorado's PTA student of the year. In their nomination, her instructors highlighted her compassion for patients, positive personality, and enthusiasm for the profession.

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**BARBARA
LYNCH**

1944-2016

Thanks to Lynch's passion for higher education and her love of southwest Colorado, she established the Barbara Summer Lynch Endowed Scholarship Fund through the Pueblo Community College Foundation. Funds from her estate have been directed to the foundation and will provide scholarship opportunities for those students who are pursuing higher education at PCC's Durango and Mancos/Cortez campuses.

In memory of Lynch's artistic talent, we will be working to establish an annual art show in the Durango community to benefit not only up and coming artists, but to add funding to her endowed scholarship fund.

As a Pueblo Junior College graduate, Dr. Pope has the utmost regard for what PCC has accomplished on behalf of the educational landscape of southern Colorado.

"I value the education that I received while I was a student at PJC," he says, "and I feel strongly that my time in Pueblo laid the necessary groundwork for my future educational endeavors and ultimately my career in medicine."

He is working with the foundation to encourage others to become life-long donors to "this wonderful institution. Your investment within the PCC Foundation now and with gifts from your personal estate can serve to reap tremendous rewards for not only its student population, but for the overall health and well-being of the southern Colorado communities which PCC continues to serve."



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"A gift to the Pueblo Community College Foundation is a social investment – and the dividends paid to the economic well-being of our communities is a valuable commodity," explains Sharon Swerdfeger.

As a member of the foundation's board of directors for over a decade, she realizes the importance of the relationship between the college and its foundation. "We work in tandem to transform students' lives; enabling them to become tomorrow's community leaders."

Swerdfeger is working with the PCC Foundation to enlist the support of other donors to make an estate allocation to the foundation. "Whatever the level of your investment, your financial gift will serve to insure a strong academic base for those PCC students who will be helping to shape our future."

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experienced deaths in the family, serious illness, and unplanned pregnancy are now returning and bringing their unique life experiences back into the classroom," commented Richie Ince, PCC's Customer Solution Center Director. "Thanks to the infusion of these students, the campuses are fuller and everyone is benefiting for the return of these students; especially their families."

In 2016 the launch of the Return-to-Earn program helped 51 students complete their degrees. "Research shows that every dollar spent on a PCC student's education results in four times that in future income

investing in some of the greatest American assets: people," commented Erjavec. "If people are our future and an investment in education is outpacing the stock market two-to one-over a ten year period, Return-to-Earn is a great place for Legacy Bank to be making a difference in their community."

How is Legacy Bank making a difference in our community? Employment is the answer according to Trainor. "Stable employment frees people from worry; allowing them the priceless gift of giving. When you see an individual's unique gifts positively impacting their community that's when we



for the graduate, increasing their giving power to their families and communities," added PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec.

The real you-value is experienced in more stable employment. "With a degree or a certificate, graduates qualify for positions that offer more support to individuals typically through benefits and improved working hours," said Trainor.

"If an investment in one person's education yields a 14.8% return, we are

will have truly captured the power of you-value," added Trainor. "At Legacy Bank giving is at the heart of our business. We look for you-value in every person we serve. It defines who we are as a bank and allows us to give significantly to programs like this in our community."

For information on how you can join in on Legacy Bank's support of the PCC Return to Earn program, contact the PCC Foundation at 719.544.0677.



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ANGELINA MAES AND TRAVIS VINCENT.

PCC CHEFS BENEFIT FROM GENEROSITY OF MARY JANE VOELKER

STUDENT SUMMER TRAVEL

For the last four years, the PCC Culinary Arts program has been offered a summer learning excursion thanks to the generosity of PCC Foundation donor Mary Jane Voelker.

In July, five PCC Culinary Arts students and two instructors attended the American Culinary Federation's National Convention in Phoenix. While there, the PCC group attended seminars, participated as volunteers at the trade show, watched dozen of culinary competitions, and came up close and personal with many new culinary opportunities. Students were also exposed to a world of possibilities available to them upon graduation from PCC.



HIGH HONOR

PCC'S MIKAILA CLAUSEN WAS SELECTED AS
STUDENT CHEF OF THE YEAR.

ACF SKILLS COMPETITION BRECKENRIDGE AND CHICAGO

PCC has been gaining notoriety over the past few years for the recent successes of their ACF Student Skills Competition teams. The 2016-17 team attended the ACF competition in Breckenridge in November, 2016 and ranked high enough to move forward to the regional competition in Chicago last February, where medals were earned for their culinary and baking efforts.

PCC students successfully competing on a national stage in front of chefs from across the nation was an important accomplishment for the Culinary Arts program.

VOELKER INVITATIONAL

In April, the Culinary Arts program hosted the inaugural Mary Jane Voelker Invitational, a competition sanctioned by the ACF. Twenty-two competitors from PCC and Pikes Peak Community College gathered in the PCC Culinary Arts kitchen facility to showcase their skills and abilities. The event was an example of intercollegiate collaboration and culinary excellence.

Thanks to the financial support of Mary Jane Voelker, the PCC Culinary Arts program has the opportunity to excel on local, regional, and national stages. We are forever grateful for her investment within this program, allowing for student success in Culinary Arts.



PCC CULINARY CREW WITH ACF DIGNITARIES:

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ACF JUDGE PETER SPROUL, CEC.

2017 PUEBLO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



JACK QUINN

In 1972, Quinn was chosen to be Executive Director of the Pueblo Housing Authority, becoming the third person to hold the position and one he stayed in until his retirement in 2006. During his tenure with the PHA, the Connecticut native increased the public housing units by 750 percent and became a recognized national leader for his effort as the President of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials.



JANE RAWLINGS

A Pueblo native, Rawlings has been active in the Pueblo community since returning home in 1996 to head the Pueblo Chieftain's internet development process. For the past three decades, Rawlings has continued her work at the newspaper while becoming a leader in southern Colorado in a diverse array of non-profit organizations throughout the region.



MICHAEL SALARDINO

A familiar face and voice, Salardino was on-the-air as a disc jockey on KDZA-AM during the golden age of rock 'n' roll and a sports anchor on KOAA-TV. He served 12 years as a Pueblo City Councilman, and has since morphed into a successful financial advisor. He is also the president of the local Sons of Italy Lodge and is often recruited as a chef for local charity events.



HANK & ERNAMARIE WILLIAMS

A successful businessman, Hank served most notably as the president, chairman of the board and CEO of United Bank of Pueblo. Ernamarie was known as a "high energy" individual who was committed to making life better for her community. Her public service reflected her unique diversity of interest. Their award was accepted by the Williams family and a speech by Eleanor Williams Clark. The Williams' donated a valuable painting to the PCC Foundation.

2017 FREMONT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



RICH BURLESON

A knowledgeable educator and dedicated community leader, Burleson brought his talents and expertise to Fremont County in 1971. His integrity, dedication, and dependability were evident as he competently completed numerous projects and programs for the RE-2 School District and the community. His professional career included teaching, counseling, and educational administration. The Florence community has benefited from Burleson's involvement over the past 46 years from his volunteer community service and events.



JUDY LOHNES

A Fremont County native, Lohnes has proven to be an exceptional community leader who has worked tirelessly to promote the region and its citizens. She began her career with the Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments 38 years ago and has been its Executive Director since 1992. Through her vision, guidance, and leadership, her office has gained the reputation as one of the outstanding regional councils in the state. Lohnes has organized, served, and supervised many innovative initiatives that have made a positive impact on the residents of Fremont County.



CHARLES & EARLENE WOLFERS

The Wolfers have a rich history of contributing their time and talents to Fremont County. They have been steadfast supporters throughout the years as donors, volunteers, and advocates for many civic groups and organizations. Charles and Earlene helped launch the initial Fremont Campus Capital Construction campaign in the late 1990s and have been tireless supporters of the PCC Foundation.

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The Pueblo Community College Foundation, in association with presenting sponsor Stifel, hosted the 28th annual FORE! Education Golf Tournament last June at the beautiful Pueblo Country Club.

It was a gorgeous summer day, even if some of the shots and scores weren't. Nonetheless, a great day on the links was had by all. Funds raised through the event support the PCC Foundation and its efforts to provide scholarships and programs of student success at PCC.

Mark your calendar for Friday, June 8, and the 2018 event. Details will be announced early in the year.

2017 FORE! EDUCATION TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

Individual results:

Putting contest winner: **KR Swerdfeger Construction**

Women's closest to the pin: **Betsy Hill**

Men's closest to the pin: **Chris Borgstedt**

Women's straightest drive: **Pamela Patterson**

Men's straightest drive: **Dean Gray**

Last But Not Least team: **Team Webber**

Flight One team results:

1st place: **Scott Alire, Isaiah Trujillo, Vic Solano and Chuck Trujillo**; 2nd place: **Stifel Team 2**; 3rd place: **Pate Construction**.

Flight Two team results:

1st place: **General Air**; 2nd place: **Power Credit Union**; 3rd place: **Hal Deselms, Barry Rapp, John Peters and Bill Haynes**.



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NEWS AND NOTES

822 STUDENTS EARN DIPLOMAS

The Pueblo and Fremont campuses conferred 717 degrees and certificates May 12 at its commencement event at the State Fair Events Center in Pueblo, while Southwest Colorado Community College handed out 105 more at its commencement May 14 at the Fort Lewis College Community Concert Hall in Durango.

Following the school's 2017 theme of *Grit, Guts, and Glory*, commencement speaker and former PCC president Tony Zeiss urged graduates to be persistent in pursuit of their goals.

MANCOS JOB FAIR A BIG HIT



More than 20 local employers converged on the SCCC Campus in Mancos for a job fair on April 11. Employment opportunities offered ranged from welders to nurse aides and law enforcement.

"Our students and those employers in attendance were pleased with the success of the fair," said SCCC Executive Dean Tonya Nelson. "We are already planning for next year's fair."

If you have a company that would like to be represented at the 2018 SCCC Job Fair, contact Dean Nelson at the SCCC campus.

MOST SUCCESSFUL PCCF BOOK SALE EVER

Have you ever wondered what it would take to create a complete used bookstore from the ground up?

That is what Rebecca Wasil from PCC's Disability Resource Center (and a PCC Foundation donor and advisor) has created for the past several years in the Mike Davis Academic Building for the PCC Foundation Book Sale, an annual fundraiser benefiting the PCCF's scholarship program.

"It takes at least a year of hauling, collecting, cleaning, sorting, and categorizing tens of thousands of book donations," explains Ross Barnhart, a foundation board member who works in tandem with Wasil for the event.



Thanks to Wasil, Barnhart, and countless others who donate their books and time, the 2017 Book Sale was the most successful ever, raising over \$5,000 for scholarship support to PCC students.



DEBBIE BELL DEALS BLACKJACK
DURING THE CAÑON CASINO ROYAL

VIVA CAÑON CITY

A taste of Las Vegas came to Fremont County July 30, as the second Cañon Casino Royal event was held at the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park. Guests enjoyed libations, a delicious buffet, and were given \$1,000 in gaming "currency."

A good time was had by all thanks in part to beautiful scenery, wonderful friends, and friendly gaming - all to support PCC student scholarships for students attending the PCC Fremont Campus. The event was coordinated by the Cañon City Chamber of Commerce in tandem with the PCC Foundation.