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## *The Year in Review*

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 2017-18 · JULY 1, 2017-JUNE 30, 2018

- The Health and Public Safety Division launched a Bachelor of Applied Science in Radiological Technology in the fall and we are excited to have been granted legislative and Colorado Community College State Board approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. We hope to launch this new program in fall 2019.
- Our Cyber Security program earned accreditation from the National Center for Academic Excellence for Cyber Defense Education.
- Our Machining Technology program received the coveted National Institute for Metalworking Skills accreditation.
- Our Gateway to College was nationally recognized as a Program of Excellence.

As you peruse this edition of Legacy Magazine, I hope you can appreciate that the Pueblo Community College administration, faculty, staff and students are so appreciative of the tremendous outpour of ongoing community support - be it our business and industry partners (who continually engage with us to offer emotional and social support), or all of the generous individuals who ensure that our students have the financial resources to succeed!

With warm regards and best wishes from all of us at your community college.



Patricia A. Erjavec, Ph.D.  
PCC President

On behalf of each of us and the thousands of students who are enrolled on the PCC campuses in Pueblo, Cañon City, Durango and Mancos/Cortez, we thank you for your support of Pueblo Community College and the PCC Foundation. We hope that you will consider joining with us NOW and help in offering a life-changing gift to our PCC students in the coming year!

All the best for the New Year,



Paul Willumstad  
President  
PCC Foundation

## Consolidated Statement of Financial Position July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

### Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents .....	\$456,380
Investments .....	7,041,774
Unconditional Promises to Give, Net.....	17,985
Accounts Receivable.....	22,096
Prepaid Expenses .....	18,323
Property and Equipment, Net .....	134,053
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$7,690,611</b>

### Liabilities

Accounts Payable .....	\$26,438
Other Liabilities.....	61,542
<b>Total Liabilities.....</b>	<b>\$87,980</b>

### Net Assets

Unrestricted.....	\$1,911,976
Temporarily Restricted .....	2,870,379
Permanently Restricted .....	2,820,276
<b>Total Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$7,602,631</b>

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets ... \$7,690,611**

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PROGRAM DIRECTOR **RICHIE INCE**

# RETURN TO EARN

## UNIQUE PROGRAM HELPS STUDENS OVERCOME LIFE CHALLENGES

Each of us face challenges in our daily lives but for some of us, these challenges take the lead and compromise our abilities to succeed. For some, education has to take a back seat when they are faced with such situations as unforeseen medical conditions, the loss of a job in the family, or the need to work versus pursuing an education.

Recognizing these "life happens" situations, PCC created the Return to Earn scholarship program in 2016 to assist PCC students who have had to pause their education with the opportunity to eliminate past debt, re-enroll at PCC, and work toward obtaining their degree.

To date, the program has assisted 187 students, with another 136 students enrolled for the Fall 2018 semester. In what is now a nationally recognized program, the PCC RTE scholarship program boasts a 94% success rate and has graduated 112 students.

RTE also helps students who only have one semester left to graduate, but have run out of financial aid funds and simply don't have the means to pay for their final semester. A RTE scholarship makes it possible for those students to continue and complete their education at PCC.

"The main reason this program has been so successful is because we stay in constant contact with all Return to Earn students," said program director Richie Ince. "During the semester, we call or email students every 2-3 weeks to see how they're doing. This interaction has helped to prevent most students from leaving when things got tough.

"If a student calls us to explain that they need to miss their math class because their babysitter got sick, we can reach out to their instructor and share what's going on in their life. We get into the trenches with students and their struggles become our struggles, and best of all their successes become our successes."



*"Legacy Bank supports the Return to Earn program at PCC because we believe in community. We are devoted to building a network of neighbors connected by a common goal: compassionate growth. We allot our time, talent, and efforts to ensure that the citizens of our community have the greatest opportunity for success."*

**ANDREW TRAINOR**  
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Thanks to Ince and his team, PCC's RTE program has been recognized locally and nationally for its rate of return pertaining to human and financial capital.

Ince has presented this program in Denver to Colorado lawmakers preparing to continue funding for this and other education programs as well as in Washington, D.C., addressing fellow educators on how they can make this program work on their college campuses.

The PCC Return to Earn scholarship program is made possible by a grant from the Colorado Department of Higher Education and its Colorado Scholarship Initiative. These funds are matched annually by a lead gift from Legacy Bank and countless other PCC Foundation donors who believe in the program and its ability to benefit an infusion of highly trained individuals into the southern Colorado workforce.

"We are thrilled to help facilitate the funding for the PCC Return to Earn scholarship program," said PCC Foundation President Paul Willumstad. "Thanks to the support from Legacy Bank and hundreds of our PCC donors, we are now turning "life happens" setbacks into life changing successes."

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# LOCAL LEADERS ENSHRINED IN ANNUAL HALLS OF FAME CEREMONIES

Hall of Fame ceremonies again honored those who have made significant social, civil, and charitable contributions to the community. The Pueblo and the Fremont Halls of Fame were established to honor those individuals who, by their extraordinary efforts, have contributed to the betterment or enhancement of Pueblo and Fremont County.

The 28th annual Pueblo Hall of Fame induction was held on February 10 in the Fortino Ballroom. A seaside soiree hosted over 300 guests to celebrate this year's inductees. The 11th annual Fremont Hall of Fame was held on April 20 at the Abbey Events Center in Cañon City. Both events are fundraisers for the PCC Foundation and its efforts to support student scholarships and programs of academic excellence at Pueblo Community College.



2018 FREMONT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:  
ED NORDEN, MARY KAY AND JOHN EVANS AND TINY STRIEGEL (SEATED)



2018 PUEBLO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:  
DAN DEROSE, DEE ROGERS BROWN AND THE HON. DENNIS MAES



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- 1995**  
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Bret Kelly  
Timothy G. McCarthy  
Michael Occhiato
- 1996**  
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Melvin L. Harmon
- 1997**  
Alva C. Jones  
Dr. Robert C. Shirley
- 1998**  
Dr. Malik M. Hasan  
Bob Leon Kirscht
- 1999**  
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Robert H. Rawlings
- 2000**  
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Jerome L. Lindberg  
Vincent D. Massari
- 2001**  
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- 2003**  
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- 2013**  
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- 2014**  
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Paulette Stuart
- 2015**  
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- 2016**  
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- 2017**  
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## FREMONT HALL OF FAME MEMBERS

- 2005**  
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# IN MEMORIAM

## A TRIBUTE TO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES LOST IN 2018



### **WALTER BASSETT | 1935-2018**

1996 PUEBLO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Walt Bassett owned and operated Bassett Construction Company for 42 years. His excellence in leadership and his drive and determination brought recognition to Walt both locally and nationally. He and his beloved wife Ellen Ruth Bassett travelled to all 50 states and around the world. He built Panther Creek Ranch in Beulah, where he told friends and family before he passed, "I'll see you on the other side of the mountain."



### **SANDY STEIN | 1942-2018**

2001 PUEBLO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Sandy Stein excelled from the moment she arrived in the Pueblo community. Her involvement in more than 40 local, state and national organizations improved the lives of many. She helped to bring a battered women's shelter to Pueblo and was involved in the development and building of the Buell Children's Museum. Sandy was recognized for her many contributions by receiving more than 25 awards, including the 2016 Pueblo Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year."



### **BISHOP ARTHUR TAFOYA | 1933-2018**

2005 PUEBLO HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Bishop Arthur Tafoya was ordained to the episcopacy as bishop of the Diocese of Pueblo in 1980, where he faithfully served for 29 years. He renovated and dedicated numerous churches and religious institutions. He received an honorary Doctorate of Humanities degree from Regis College. He served on numerous committees, including the Latin American Committee, the Human Development Committee, and the American Board of Catholic Admissions. He will be remembered for establishing the permanent diaconate for the Diocese.

### **CHARLES WOLFERS | 1923-2018**



2017 FREMONT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Charlie Wolfers retired to Canon City with his wife Earlene in 1987 after a 38-year career in the aerospace business with McDonnell Douglas. He spent three years in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a Communications Officer. For 10 years, Charlie worked designing fighter jets for McDonnell Douglas before being selected in 1959 as one of the early design engineers for Project Mercury, our country's first manned spacecraft. He then spent the remainder of his 38 years there in the aerospace division. After retiring to Cañon City, Charlie was an active member in numerous non-profit organizations and served on many boards.

### **DOROTHY "TINY" STRIEGEL | 1921-2018**



2018 FREMONT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Tiny Striegel was a registered nurse, as well as an x-ray and laboratory technician. She retired after 27 years from the Colorado State Hospital. Tiny was always an avid PCC supporter as well as Oklahoma State University, to whom she donated the Oklahoma Geology Field Camp. Tiny, a very talented artist, painted portraits of seven citizens that are now on permanent display at the Royal Gorge Museum and Historical Center in Cañon City. She also wrote five books on poetry and history. We will miss having Tiny read one of her whimsical poems at the Fremont Hall of Fame ceremony.

# LYNCH LEAVES A LEGACY OF LEARNING TO SOUTHWESTERN COLORADO



Barbara "Summer" Lynch was born August 10, 1944 in Fort Worth, TX. After graduating in 1962 from Nolan Catholic High School, she enrolled at St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans, where she completed her bachelor's degree and later earned a Masters' degree in Art and a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Illinois.

Barbara did missionary work in Chile and the Belgian Congo before she began her career as a contractor and editor, researching and writing grants for the federal government in Washington D.C. After retiring, Lynch made her way to Durango and began to pursue her passion for art; allowing her time to dabble as a community advisor at the campus of what is now PCC Southwest.

Barbara knew that had it not been for scholarships she had received during her time in college, she would not have been able to pursue higher education; thus her desire to give back by establishing an endowed scholarship for students pursuing higher education at the southwest campuses of PCC.

Barbara passed away on October 27, 2016. Many of her friends are working with the PCC Foundation to honor her legacy by coordinating an annual art show in Durango, which will highlight up and coming artists and add funds to her endowed scholarship fund.

## PCC SOUTHWEST FRIENDRAISING BREAKFAST AND TOUR

The PCC Foundation took its show on the road last fall, traveling to PCC Southwest for our first FriendRaising Breakfast and Campus Tour.

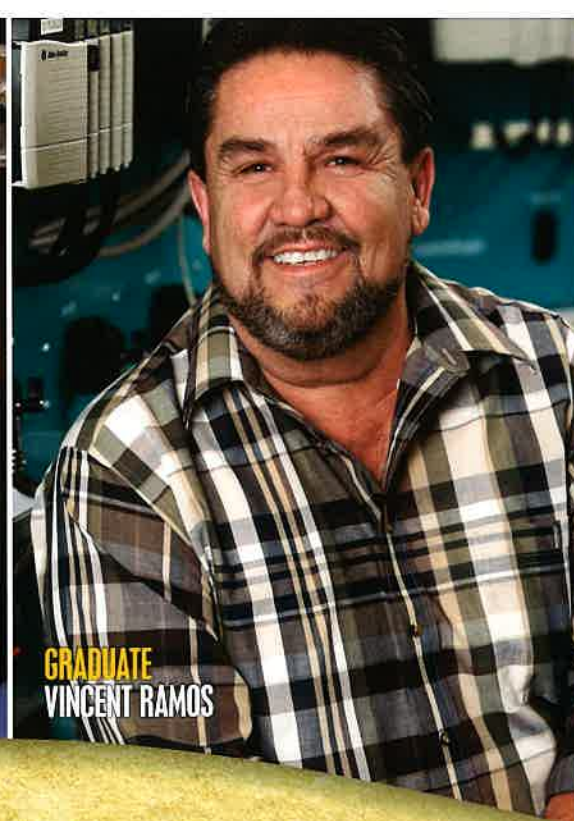
We were delighted to be joined by US Congressman Scott Tipton, PCC President Patty Erjavec, and 50 community members who traveled to the Mancos campus to hear about what PCC brings to the southwestern communities. Attendees received a campus update from President Erjavec and many had questions for Congressman Tipton prior to embarking on a campus tour to learn more about the College and its many programs of academic excellence.







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of life's pitfalls that has made obtaining a degree an unsurmountable challenge," added Richie Ince Director of the Return to Earn program at PCC. "It's life's perfect storm getting in the way of progress for families and our community as a whole," added Ince.

A defining moment that left unattended becomes a weight on the hearts and minds of mothers, fathers, children, businesses and societies. And yet there is greatness. When you look hard enough, you see the seeds of success waiting to be uncovered.

"When we created the Return to Earn program, we saw future nurses, welders, healthcare technicians, chefs and everything in-between sitting on life's sidelines," stated Pueblo Community College President Dr. Patty Erjavec. "We saw the dreams of a community accomplished through the efforts of many waiting to be realized. We just needed a partner to elevate the program from a dream to reality."

At the core of the Return to Earn Program, the college looks for students that meet the requirement of near graduation status, have experienced life

altering circumstances, and have financial barriers that are restricting their triumphant return to the classroom. Legacy Bank's support provided the financial reserves to relieve debt and restore these students to their learning environment.

"When we learned of what the college was trying to do, it spoke to who we were as a bank and as people," remarked Trainor. "We knew that we could be a strong community support system that could have a real-life impact around kitchen tables all over our community."

Return to Earn has seen 187 students return to the classroom and has enrolled an additional 136 as of the 2018 fall semester. The results are a 94% success rate for re-enrollment in the programs brief lifespan. Degrees have ranged from healthcare to automotive with 70% of graduates being first generation college students.

Many of the graduates now employed locally are generating life-improving revenue for their families and improved services needed in our community.



**Andrew Trainor**  
Regional President  
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**"W**hen you think about the goals you have for the city you live in, you have to remember that community is what makes everything possible. Knowing that if you fail you have someone standing beside you with direction and support to get you back on your feet. If that's not the definition of success, I'm not sure what is. It's what Legacy Bank lives by."  
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MARY JANE VOELKER

## VOELKER KNOWS HOW TO PAY IT FORWARD

As the major benefactor to the Culinary Arts program at Pueblo Community College, Mary Jane Voelker has given students unparalleled opportunities to grow and learn.

"You have to invest in your community," she explains. "People need to support not only scholarships, but they need to get involved within college programs. This gives students the realization that 'I can do this!' It takes the blinders off and tells them they can accomplish anything."

Mary Jane first came to Pueblo in 2004 and decided to settle here in 2006. After working in the insurance and airline industries in California, she was looking for a fresh start in a place that felt like home. She went back to school in the early '90s and received a certification from Golden Gate University in Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management.

Upon arriving in Pueblo, she was looking for a way to get involved and give back to her new hometown. She soon found that the Culinary Arts program at PCC was a good fit. "Programs like Culinary Arts don't get a lot of funding compared to other programs," she said. "You don't see the behind the scenes efforts as much."

Mary Jane has spearheaded several efforts to broaden the horizons of culinary arts students. She hosted trips to San Francisco and Las Vegas to study different culinary cultures and travel experiences. She has provided the funding for PCC to host a variety of culinary competitions and her funding has allowed students to travel out of the area for regional and national competitions.

PCC students have excelled at culinary competitions, including ranking as one of the best teams in the nation at a national competition in 2017 in Chicago. After the great showing in the Windy City, the Mary Jane Voelker Invitational was established so that our students could hone their skills and be tested by judges from throughout the nation. The competitions help to offer students the spirit of competitiveness within a creative program.

"One of my scholarship students came up to me, bouncing with enthusiasm, a while back," she recalls. "He said that because of our trip to San Francisco, he was able to have the confidence to accept a position with the Walt Disney World culinary program."

Mary Jane believes wholeheartedly that investing in your community is a good thing. She supports not only PCC, but also the Dorsey Cancer Center at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center. "If you can help just one person," she says, "it will grow to help others. Everything I give comes back to me through the well-being of our community."

She is incredibly proud of the students that she has had the opportunity to work with and she is humbly grateful to be able to watch them grow. "The food displays at the competitions are fantastic. It's amazing what they have learned and what they can do," she says.

The PCC Foundation is forever indebted to Mary Jane Volker for her contributions to PCC and those students that benefit from her generosity. Thanks to her investment within the foundation, Pueblo Community College is a better place to learn and to grow.



PCC HOSPITALITY STUDIES FACULTY MEMBER ED TRACEY (FAR RIGHT) SUPERVISES A PAIR OF CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS IN THE PCC KITCHEN.



# PANTRY CONTINUES SERVING STUDENTS

The Panther Student Pantry, established in February 2014 on the Pueblo campus by Associated Student Government, has since expanded to PCC's other locations in Cañon City, Durango and Mancos. Each campus pantry allows students to take advantage of the food and hygiene products that are available for the taking.

The Alpha Rho Theta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa fraternity works in conjunction with ASG to operate the Pueblo campus pantry, which currently serves roughly 150 students a week.

45% of college students live below the poverty line. ASG started the pantry project to help combat this issue and currently works with the Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado to maximize resources available for students. As a partner agency of Care and Share, the pantry is able to obtain free and low-cost food that helps stretch the value of other food and monetary donations.

Care and Share serves each of PCC's campuses and provides the necessary guidance and expertise to ensure that each pantry complies with food safety guidelines for food banks.

Thanks to the donations from many companies, organizations and individuals, no PCC student shall go hungry while enrolled at the institution.

Last year the Pueblo campus pantry distributed over 32,500 pounds of food received from Care and Share. Add to that the food donated by community members or purchased with donated funds, and it adds up to well over 50,000 pounds of food to PCC students each year.

If your business or organization would like to become involved with the PCC Panther Student Pantry and coordinate a food drive on behalf of our students, please contact the PCC Foundation at 719.544.0677. Whatever your level of support; our students will be forever in your debt.

Some of the businesses, organizations and individuals who have adopted the Panther Student Pantry and have made sizable contributions to our students in need include:

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# CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS COMPETE AT VOELKER INVITATIONAL



The Mary Jane Voelker Competition was held Saturday, April 21. Participants included eight students from the PCC Culinary Arts Advanced Garde Manger class and two students who competed in the individual Hot Food category. This competition was sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation (ACF), which is the accrediting body to the PCC Culinary Arts program.

The students in the Advanced Garde Manger class competed in Cold Food Platters, testing the students to make a display of hors d'oeuvres judged by a panel of ACF-certified judges. The students in the hot food category have one hour to prepare two identical plates of a signature dish.

Judges for the competition were Mark Spelman, CEC, AAC, of New Mexico, Travis Smith, CEC, AAC, of Colorado Bistro in Evergreen, and Jon St. Peter, CEC, CCE, from Colorado Mesa University. Each student who participated in the competition received a bronze or silver medal. Students must score at least 70 out of 100 points in order to earn a bronze or 80-89 points for a silver.

This was the second year that Mary Jane Voelker sponsored the competition. From cooking supplies to accommodations for the judges, Voelker provided the resources for PCC to host this competition. Thanks to her support, PCC is able to provide this exhibition for students to achieve significant accomplishments.

Each summer the Pueblo Campus comes to life thanks to 30 cement planters placed around the school's perimeter. Each is planted and maintained by individuals or groups of PCC employees who spend the time to care for and feed their plants.

We are most thankful to Boughton Precast for their donation of the cement planters and to the family of Daniel Gale for their donation to purchase plants annually. We encourage you to stop and smell the flowers next summer on a stroll across campus.



## PCC ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIP WITH DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT 9-R

PCC announced a unique partnership with Durango School District 9-R that will maximize resources and provide greater higher education opportunities for the area's high school students and community members.

PCC moved its Durango site from downtown to the campus of Durango High School. PCC now occupies a dedicated wing of the school with four classrooms, a separate entrance and dedicated parking.



The arrangement will allow Durango High School students to take concurrent enrollment classes without leaving campus. Through concurrent enrollment, students can get transferrable college credits and even graduate with an associate degree at the same time they graduate high school, saving them thousands of dollars in tuition costs.

## PCC CREATES DIVISION OF NURSING

To accommodate its growing programs and the addition of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, PCC created a Division of Nursing. The division operates under the leadership of Paula Kirchner, interim director of the nursing program and a longtime PCC instructor. The programs that will be included in the division are nursing, surgical technology, psychiatric technician, medical assistant, nurse aide and certified addiction counselor.

## PCC: SOUND INVESTMENT, SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The results of a recent in-depth economic impact study are clear: PCC provides significant value to its students and the communities it serves. Leading research firm Emsi conducted the study. In 2015-16, PCC and its students (current and alumni) added \$192.6 million in income to the school's service area economy (Pueblo, Cañon City, Mancos and Durango). That annual total is the equivalent of 3,828 jobs and is equal to 1.9 percent of the region's gross regional product.



## PCC OFFERS BACHELOR'S IN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

An online Bachelor of Applied Science degree program in radiologic technology debuted at PCC in Fall 2018 after its approval earlier in the summer from the Higher Learning Commission, PCC's governing body.

PCC becomes just the second college in Colorado – and the only two-year school – to offer a bachelor's in radiologic technology. The four-semester program is mostly online and will be taught by PCC instructors.

It is open to those who already have an associate degree and are certified with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. Students outside PCC's service area can complete the online courses with PCC and do their clinical work in their own communities.