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# Greetings from President Erjavec



*Patty Erjavec, MNM  
President*

If you were to ask me to describe the culture at Pueblo Community College in three words, I would simply say – Community, Unity, Opportunity! The academic year was kicked-off with great enthusiasm as we welcomed new leadership to the college. Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Deborah Schmidt, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Ralph Salvatore, and Dean of Student Success, Keith Wilder are outstanding additions to our team and have brought a

breadth and depth of experience and knowledge that complements our outstanding team. We are well positioned to “Open the Door to More Educational Opportunities” as we take our “Military Friendly” designation to a whole new level and are excited that we have opened a new downtown studio at the corner of First and Main Street. By establishing a venue for easy access to comprehensive educational opportunities in the heart of Pueblo, we hope to strengthen Pueblo’s economy with community-based outreach and preparatory enrollment services. PCC is committed to providing a welcoming environment for targeted populations that include, but are not necessarily limited to, veterans, TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance) eligible, WIA (Workforce Investment Act) eligible, displaced homemakers, unemployed, underemployed, and others. In short, we do not want a student’s First Step to Success to be intimidating, frustrating, or financially unachievable.

As you will see as you peruse this magazine, the college thrives on opportunities to engage in community partnerships. Whether it is welcoming nearly 1,000 Montezuma and Dolores County high school students to the Cortez campus when SCCC sponsored the 2nd Annual Montelores Career Fair, hosting a 40th anniversary party on the Fremont Campus to commemorate the historic meteorite landing that struck a garage roof in Canon City on Oct. 27, 1973, or providing history and leadership courses at the beautiful Center for American Values in Pueblo, we embrace each as a learning experience for our students. We value our education partners, community colleagues, donors and benefactors, and appreciate your commitment to academic excellence and student enrichment.

PCC Panther Pride runs deep. I invite you to visit our campuses to see for yourself and encourage you to contact me with new opportunities for student engagement.

We celebrate our student success, we honor our veterans, and we appreciate your continued support for “The Best of Pueblo”!



*Last summer, the community was invited to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of Pueblo Community College at a campus picnic and concert.*



*“It was simply wonderful to open the campus to the community as we celebrated 80 years of academic excellence!”*

*~President Erjavec*

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# Panther Statue

*Attractive Addition to Pueblo Campus*

They did the bulk of the work on the statue in Central's welding lab, which is well-equipped and provides a good atmosphere for project work. Later, students in Central High's welding classes continued the project.

Approximately 16 months and roughly 400 work hours later, the new panther statue was unveiled and dedicated in a ceremony on the first day of PCC's fall 2013 semester. Removing the draping that had covered the statue were PCC students Sophia Avila and Dustin Richardson. Sophia devoted countless hours working on the statue while Dustin did the finish grinding and sanding. PCC

instructor Jake Drummond oversaw work on the project.

Just prior to the unveiling, the statue was weatherized with corrosion protection and sealed with several coats of Clear Coat applied by PCC's Automotive Collision team of James Cordova, Danny Sepulveda, and Jorge Tafoya. Machining students created a silver plaque to accompany the statue, and it was cemented in place by PCC's Facility Services staff.

The nearly 400-pound panther statue, located between the Gorsich and Central Administration buildings, is a fine addition to the PCC Pueblo campus and is visible from Orman Avenue.



A project that utilized the work and intricate skills of college and high school welding students, as well as several different Pueblo Community College departments, has become part of the College's permanent landscape.

In May 2012, Otis Driftwood and Gilbert

Rodriguez, PCC students taking college welding classes at Pueblo Central High School, became intrigued with the idea of creating a statue of a panther, which is the College's mascot. After finding an image that appeared to show movement in a somewhat aggressive, forward-stepping way, they began to create the image in steel.



## “Best of Pueblo” Recognizes PCC and Four Employees

When it comes to great places to work, it's hard to beat Pueblo Community College. Moving up to Gold from last year's Silver medal finish, PCC was rated “The Best Place to Work” in *The Pueblo Chieftain's* “Best of Pueblo” contest. Four PCC employees were also medal winners.



*PCC employees honored in Best of Pueblo contest: (left to right) Stuart Hyatt, Dr. Lana Carter, Gary Franchi, and Charles Hurley.*

Charles Hurley and Stuart Hyatt won silver medals as the Best Graphic Designer and Best Administrative Assistant, respectively. As a member of the Marketing & Communications Department team, Charles has put PCC on the Pueblo map in terms of the graphic design work he has produced for publications, advertisements, flyers, posters, banners, billboards, etc., not to mention the beautiful look for the Scala TV monitors that are located in every PCC building. Meanwhile, Stuart keeps the Arts & Sciences Division running with utmost efficiency through his dedication, attention to detail, and hard work.

Dr. Lana Carter, who won the bronze in the Best Boss category, did a superb job as Chief Academic Officer and Executive Dean of Arts & Sciences before being named Dean of the Fremont Campus earlier this year. Gary Franchi won bronze in the Best News Story category for a feature story (Texas Invasion) that he wrote and had published in *The Chieftain*.



*Chief Academic Officer Dr. Sunny Schmitt (left) and Erin Hergert, PCC Marketing Director, accept the Best Place to Work award.*

# Pueblo Junior College & WWII



Guard or the Military or Naval Reserve, will be granted a leave of absence by the College until forty days after he receives his honorable discharge.”

College funds were invested in the purchase of United States War Bonds.

College classes were being affected by the war.

In 1943, a new College division, Vocational Training for War Production, was created. The Civil Pilot Training Program and other war effort classes were held in the Rood Candy Building.



- The basement was set up for machine tool instruction.
- The first floor of the building was used for aircraft engine classes.

Pueblo Junior College’s (PJC) involvement with the World War II war effort began on October 5, 1939, when the Junior College Committee, the College’s governing board, approved Pilot Training (Ground Instruction) of the Civil Aeronautics Authority. An airplane mock-up was used for pilot training in the gymnasium.

As more PJC personnel were drafted or wanted to sign up to serve their country, it was necessary for the Junior College Committee to establish a

Enrollments declined from 310 in 1940 to 124 in 1943. Then in February 1944, the College’s involvement in the war effort began to wind down. The Civil Aeronautics Administration War Training Service Program with the U. S. Army was discontinued. In May 1944, the College was notified that the war-related Food Production Classes were to be closed after which the College began planning for training of the returning veterans.

The College’s involvement in the war effort was not confined to pilot training. In July, 1942, Mr. Edgar E. Hemenover presented a new government program which included various classes for the war effort. In 1942, PJC faculty began training waitresses for the Pueblo Air Base.



policy. “Any member of the faculty who is drafted by Selective Service System for service with the armed forces, or who is ordered to service by the National

- The second floor was used for radio maintenance, blueprint reading, and sewing classes.
- Aircraft sheet metal and general sheet metal classes were held on the fourth floor.

Other classes offered were radio code, electrical, and welding. When PJC students completed the training, they headed to the ship yards and aircraft plants.

To close this chapter in the history of the College, the 1944 Tsanti yearbook was dedicated to those PJC members who did not return and a memorial plaque was placed at the base of the College flag pole.





# Center for American Values

## Joining Forces

Pueblo Community College is honored to list the Center for American Values in Pueblo (CAV) as one of its community partners. With this partnership, PCC and the Center continue to expand their outreach initiatives in the communities they serve.

“This opportunity to partner with the Center for American Values is yet another great example of our commitment to engaging students,” said PCC President Patty Erjavec. Previous partnerships in Pueblo have been established with the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center and St. Mary Corwin Medical Center.

Last spring, the partnership with CAV began with a four-week course, U.S. History Since the Civil War, by PCC history instructor Michael Engle. Instead of attending classes on PCC’s Pueblo campus, those history students convened at the beautiful CAV headquarters, which is located on the Pueblo Riverwalk just off South Main Street, and also visited other historic sites in downtown Pueblo. “With such a poignant learning environment and Michael Engle’s enthusiasm and knowledge, our students will capture the essence of U.S. history like never before,” Erjavec said.

Engle described the United States History class as a specialized course that has an emphasis focusing on the same core values that underpin the vision of CAV – honor, integrity, and patriotism; and is just the start of what is expected to be several phases of a partnership between PCC and the CAV. “We certainly see this as the beginning of an extensive, long-term relationship with the Center for American Values,” said Engle. “Eventually we would like to see a leadership program featuring leadership and history classes offered for credit to business and community leaders.”



PCC history student Heather Peralta examines the Portraits of Valor collection at the Center for American Values.



# Center for American Values

Pueblo, known as the Home of Heroes, boasts the unique distinction as being the home of four Congressional Medal of Honor recipients. President Dwight D. Eisenhower once remarked, after bestowing the Medal of Honor upon Puebloan Raymond G. "Jerry" Murphy, "What is it in the water out there in Pueblo ... all you guys turn out to be heroes." Fittingly, the visionary and co-founder of the Center for American Values is another of Pueblo's own Medal of Honor recipients,

**MISSION**  
*To honor the extreme sacrifices made to help sustain America's values and to ensure these extraordinary actions are preserved ... forever.*

Completed in 2010, the Center for American Values (CAV) is located in the Waterfront building at 101 South Main Street on the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk. The Center's purpose is to connect with individuals and organizations at all socio-economic levels through educational programs including: Portraits of Valor Exhibit, World Trade Center Steel Memorial, HIP (Honor, Integrity, and

Patriotism) Educational Activities, On Values Speaker Series, and American Values Narratives Project.

The Center's Portraits of Valor collection is an extraordinary display of photographic portraits and documentation of over 140 Congressional Medal of Honor

Drew Dix. It was from Dix's deep commitment to America that the Center's mission was born. This mission stems from his personal desire for all generations to understand and never lose sight of sacrifices made by civilians and veterans alike to elevate America as the greatest country in the world.

# Honor

recipients and is a powerful example of the self-sacrifices one segment of our society has made to protect the freedoms we enjoy. The exhibit, open daily and free to the public, is enhanced with interactive audio and visual content on iPad digital display panels.

Two pieces of World Trade Center (WTC) Steel were graciously donated to the Center for American Values by the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) in 2012. The Center takes great pride in presenting the WTC Steel Memorial for permanent outdoor display along the Walk of Valor. The second smaller piece is used



The Portraits of Valor Exhibit



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Pueblo County Sheriff's Deputies stand guard at the World Trade Center Steel Memorial during a 9/11 commemoration at the Center for American Values.

as a hands-on educational exhibit and mobile display. Both serve as a constant reminder of how fragile freedom can be and that Americans will always stand ready to protect the values on which our country was founded.

For more information about the Center for American Values, call at 719-543-9502 or visit [www.americanvaluescenter.org](http://www.americanvaluescenter.org)

# • Integrity • Patriotism



Portraits of Valor collection is open daily to the public without charge.

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**VISION**  
*A source for future generations to learn and explore how doing the right thing for family, community, and country will keep America great.*

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While the Center's Portraits of Valor collection and World Trade Center Steel Memorial draw attention to the extreme sacrifices made on behalf of American values, CAV hopes to emphasize to students, educators, seniors, professionals, community leaders, and the general public the importance of living their lives by a set of simple but profound values ~ Honor – Integrity – Patriotism. There are many who live by these types of values; a policeman, coach, mom or teacher... each and every person is presented with opportunities to do the right thing by family, community and country. The American way of life will continue to flourish as long as we never lose sight of these values.

CAV's educational programs are unique in that they examine the greatness of America and the common thread between extraordinary heroic acts by people from all walks of life. Increasing awareness of these selfless acts can inspire people to do the right thing whether it saves a life or simply adds a bright spot to someone's day.

HIP Educational Activities are intended to develop character and leadership attributes among students at all levels. Over 4,000 students, including K-12 and higher learning classes from Denver, Pueblo, and the Arkansas Valley, participated in HIP program activities during the past year. The HIP Essay contest has been expanded to new partners resulting in over 50,000 essay submissions.

Continued partnerships with Pueblo Community College, Pueblo City Schools, Rural School Districts 70, R-1 & R-2, Cherry Creek Schools, Chavez/ Huerta Preparatory Academy, CSU-Pueblo, American Legion Boys State, 4-H, Liberty Day, Upward Bound, St. John Neumann Catholic School, Trinity Lutheran School, YMCA, and Boy Scouts will help grow participation significantly in 2013-2014.

The On Values Speaker Series features individuals who bring new

awareness to a variety of subjects intended to educate, inform, and create discussion about the significance of American values. Recent speakers have included Col. Rick Baily, Presidential Speechwriter James C. Humes, and a former Honor Guard Sentinel to the Tomb of the Unknowns, Thomas Tudor.

The intent of the American Values Narratives Project is to secure and archive historical narratives pertaining to American Values. These video/audio treasures feature American citizens from all walks of life with an important and unique story to tell. The Narratives Project is evolving into a one-of-a-kind library capturing the essence of American values.

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**CORE VALUES**  
*Honor  
Integrity  
Patriotism*

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The Center for American Values fully appreciates that America's cherished values are enriched by all segments of society ~ from educators and caregivers to entrepreneurs, from blue and white collar workers to students, soldiers and veterans. The Center strives to recognize those who have distinguished themselves by living with Honor,



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Community College

**from Diane Porter**  
**PCCF Executive Director**

This fall issue of LEGACY is sort of my "Swan Song," as I am retiring as Executive Director for Pueblo Community College Foundation on January 31, 2014. I want to use this, my last letter in Legacy, to share some thoughts with you.

I want to thank each one of you who have supported PCC students through the Foundation. Your gifts have raised spirits, enabled academic successes and touched the future. Your generosity has created many memorable events for the PCC Foundation during my tenure. Millions of dollars have been donated and awarded for scholarships or college programs and capital improvements. Major bequests were received during my term from wonderful individuals, many who became life-long friends. They were strong supporters of the College when they were living and after they passed. I want to mention Burt Hennem, who recently passed away remembering PCC students in his will by allocating part of his estate for scholarships. He was such a kind and generous man. Since this issue of Legacy has a focus on Veterans, I am including his military WWII photo.



An aspect of my job as Executive Director that I consider both challenging and rewarding is the direct contact I have had with the students who have come to the Foundation for assistance. Their stories are as varied as our student population, but the common theme was a desire for improvement. I remember hundreds of students who struggled to stay in school to get their education with the help of a scholarship. There were uplifting times when students came in to the Foundation office asking for help with housing, utility, medical, auto repair or grocery assistance and we were able to help out with a grant. There are hundreds of memories; I should have kept a diary. Through all the years, you gave me and my staff the chance to help so very many students. "Thank you" seems inadequate.

I came to the PCC Foundation after serving ten years as the Executive Director at the Pueblo YWCA. There, too, I learned about the generous spirit of this community. It has truly been an honor for me to serve my community, our students, the Foundation, and the College for the last eleven years. I will treasure the many wonderful relationships and friendships with board members and Foundation staff that have come and gone. I have made some memorable connections with college staff and faculty, donors, colleagues, and community leaders. *Oh, this has been a fabulous career for me!*

Of course, I will be asking for your donations to PCC Foundation one more time. It will come to you soon in the form of my year-end appeal. Many of us have been so fortunate and have not had to struggle during our lifetime because we made some good decisions; maybe in business, investments, or we made a good educational choice. Unfortunately, there are many who didn't make good decisions for different reasons. PCC offers SECOND chances to anyone who wants to make the effort. But, many in our communities don't have the resources and need a helping hand. Would you please extend your helping hand to someone? Change their lives for the better by offering the opportunity for an education; a better paying job.

*Please join me as a PCC supporter and make my last year one that will make a huge difference. Watch for that year-end letter in November.*

## Pueblo Community College Foundation Mission

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



*It is bittersweet that we bid adios to our dear friend and the Executive Director of the Pueblo Community College Foundation, Diane Porter, as she prepares to retire. Best wishes, Diane, as you begin a new chapter in your life and thank you for your dedication to the role and mission of Pueblo Community College.*

*~ PCC President Patty Erjavec*



**from  
Sharon Swerdfeger,  
President PCCF**

As President of the Pueblo Community College Foundation (PCCF) Board of Directors, I am proud of the Foundation's great support of the College. This year the Board of

Directors has budgeted approximately \$300,000 for scholarships. If you factor in support given directly to PCC programs, that number raises to over one million dollars for the year. The PCCF has supported the College with more than \$14 million since 1987 because of the generosity of our donors. Many of our students would not be able to attend Pueblo Community College without our support. I want to thank those of you who have identified PCC Foundation in your planned gifts or wills. These type of contributions will ensure the future support of our students.

The next few months will be a challenge for us as we search for a new executive director as Diane Porter is retiring at the end of January, 2014.

I have had the privilege of working with her for the last 11 years and felt fortunate that she was there to lead us through many trying times. Diane's commitment to PCCF and the Pueblo community has left an indelible mark. I will miss her professional expertise, but hope to maintain our friendship. I wish her only success and happiness in her future endeavors – may they be all that she is hoping for!



*Diane with Art Stawski, Ed Sajbel, and Patty Erjavec.*

"In her eleven years as Director of the PCC Foundation, Diane was the catalyst in engaging Board Members and in raising funds for numerous student scholarships and for the College. She has guided the Foundation through difficult economic times while increasing the funding percentage used for the Foundation's programs. We will miss her and wish her the best in her retirement!"

*Joe Welte, PCCF Vice President*

"To paraphrase Will Rogers, Diane never met a person she didn't like! PCC is richer, not only in dollars but also in the person who has represented the Foundation for the last decade."

*Walter Schepp, PCCF Board Member*



*Diane celebrates with Marvin Knudson on his 100th birthday.*



*Celebrating the completion of the PCCF Donor Wall*



*Nature Center Representative Kate McCracken introduces peregrine falcon to Diane*

"I'd like to thank Diane Porter for her service as the Executive Director of the PCC Foundation. Diane gave 110% to the college, to the students and to the Foundation Board of Directors!! Diane probably read the Foundation mission statement every day, because she always kept us working down the right path. Diane, you'll be missed!! Happy Retirement!"

*Renee Rodriguez, Secretary PCCF*

"Diane exemplifies the ultimate in dedication and perseverance in the non-profit fundraising sector. It is a difficult, sometimes thankless job seeking funds for a foundation. Diane is relentless and professional in her job. Furthermore, she does it with good humor and a pleasant disposition."

*Joe T. Ulibarri, Past PCCF President*

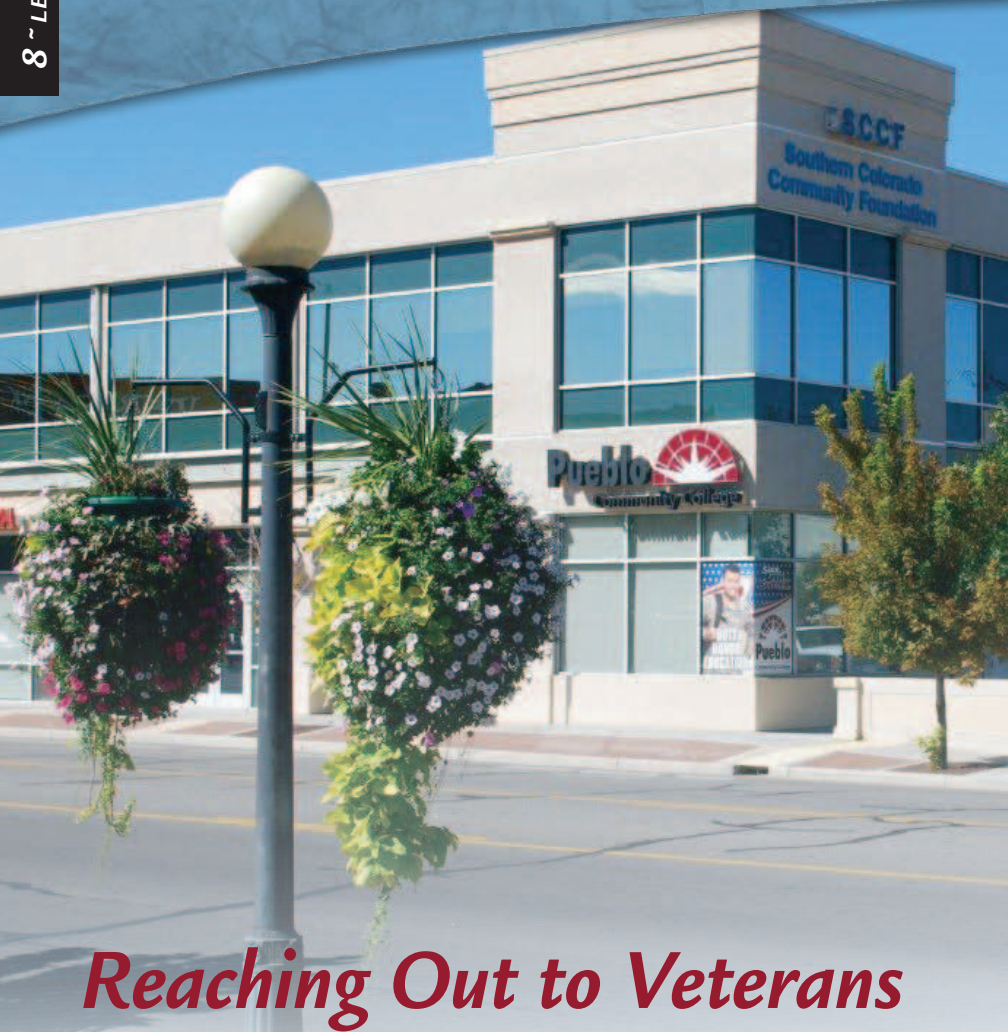


*Queen for a Day*

"Diane ~ How can we adequately say THANKS for the years of enthusiastic and dedicated service that you have unselfishly given as the Executive Director of Pueblo Community College Foundation. Your vision, foresight, and involvement have been a powerful force in promoting and exposing PCC to the community and to the many students' lives that you have touched. Congratulations and best wishes on your well-deserved retirement. You will be truly missed."

*Marty Poole, PCCF Board Member*

# PCC Launches Downtown Studio



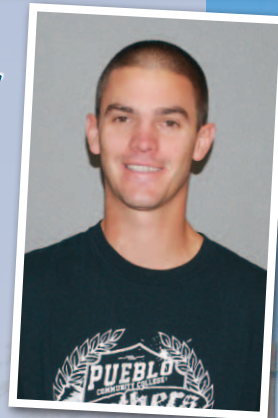
## Reaching Out to Veterans

Pueblo Community College will take its "Military Friendly" designation to a whole new level in November when it will officially open a new Downtown Studio at the corner of First and Main streets to service veterans. Fittingly, a grand opening was held on Veterans Day, followed by a showcasing of the facility.

The Downtown Studio helps PCC fulfill its mission to grow and support the veteran community by reaching out to all generations of veterans and actively helping them transition from military service to college life. Hence, its service audience includes both the newest veterans from military service as well as past veteran generations. PCC will use the top floor of the Downtown Studio for workshops, specialized classes and readjustment services such as veteran-specific orientations.

The downtown site is staffed by PCC personnel knowledgeable about veterans' issues while providing a small, comfortable environment aimed at providing the "bridge" that many vets need to make the transition to college life on PCC's main campus. Once the veterans complete their education at PCC, we will get them in contact with community resources where they will receive resume assistance and job placement services to help them start careers.

## Customer Solutions Center Staff To Manage Downtown Studio



Richie Ince has been named to manage the Downtown Studio. Ince joined PCC in Fall of 2011 when he was hired to manage the newly created Customer Solutions Center. In his first year he took the concept of a Customer Solution Center to reality and the department was nationally recognized by the *University Business* magazine as a Model of Efficiency program. This award recognizes higher education institutions that use innovative technological approaches to streamline business processes. "I am ecstatic to have this opportunity and have no doubt that, due to our amazing staff, the Downtown Studio will be a huge success," Ince stated.

Accompanying Ince to the Downtown Studio will be the entire Customer Solutions Center staff. They pride themselves in providing the very best customer service possible to all PCC students! Making the move to the Downtown Studio will give them the opportunity to use their tremendous knowledge and customer service skills in a face-to-face setting. Customer Solutions

Center Specialist Cheryl Ayala stated, "It will be nice getting off of the phones occasionally and helping students in person enroll here at PCC."



*for more information...*

Contact Rich Ince, Downtown Studio Director  
at 719-549-3000

The Pueblo Community College mission is “to provide quality educational opportunities that transform the lives of our students, enrich our communities, and strengthen the regional economy.” Aligning with that mission statement, the vision for the PCC Downtown Studio is “to cultivate opportunities, to put Americans back to work and to grow our economy.”

Pueblo Community College understands that working together allows for a better use of resources than doing it alone. PCC Academic Advisors, Admissions, Career Coaches, and Navigators will collaborate with the local workforce, Veterans Administration, employers, and volunteers to help



## Opening the Door to More Educational Opportunities

Services offered at the Downtown Studio speak directly to the needs of veterans, as well as the needs of displaced workers and low wage earners. Easily accessible in convenient downtown Pueblo, the Downtown Studio will help veterans and others discover positive options for their future and thereby improving the opportunity for a stronger community and state.

clients investigate educational programs and career pathways and also navigate their way to educational opportunities leading to increased wages and economic potential. Services include academic advising, educational testing, as well as GED, developmental education, and other educational program opportunities.

By opening the door to comprehensive educational opportunities at its Downtown

Studio, PCC hopes to strengthen Pueblo’s economy with community-based outreach and preparatory enrollment services. Targeted populations include, but are not necessarily limited to veterans, TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance) eligible, WIA (Workforce Investment Act) eligible, displaced homemakers, unemployed, underemployed, and others.

## July 2012 to June 2013 ~ DONORS

*The Donor lists in this issue of Legacy include the names of those we are honored to call our supporters. The lists include those who have given generously to the PCC Foundation from July 2012 to June 2013.*

*Thank you for investing in education!*

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# Addition of Three Deans Solidifies PCC's New Leadership Team

Within a span of a month earlier this year, Pueblo Community College filled three dean positions to complete the new administrative team that has been charged to lead the college into the future. On June 1, Mr. Keith Wilder joined PCC as Dean of Student Success. On June 13, Dr. Ralph Salvatore began his role as Dean of the Arts & Science Division. Then on July 1, Dr. Deborah "Sunny" Schmitt began work as Chief Academic Officer. All three bring tremendous amounts of experience with them to PCC.



**Mr. Keith Wilder** has a strong passion

for being committed to student success and has worked on various diversity initiatives in previous positions. He comes to PCC from the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, where he was the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Multicultural Affairs. Coming to Pueblo is a homecoming of sorts for Keith since he previously resided in Lakewood.



**Dr. Ralph Salvatore** comes to PCC from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, NY, where he was the Acting Dean of Health and Natural Sciences and Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry in the School of Health and Natural Sciences. He jumped right into his position by attending

PCC's department chair retreat. His depth and breadth of knowledge and experience will lend itself to many strategic initiatives.



**Dr. Deborah Schmitt** left Colorado's western slope to join PCC. She has more than 25 total years of

professional service as a leader, educator, administrator, and project manager, including over 20 years of higher education experience at premier undergraduate academic institutions in the United States. Most recently, she was Associate VP for Academic Affairs at Colorado Mountain College. Her work record includes more than 20 years at the Air Force Academy in a variety of positions.

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# PCC's Fire Truck Has a New Look

PCC Fire Engine 1, donated this past summer by Huerfano County Fire Protection District, has had its exterior appearance changed.

Fire Engine 1 has become a regular participant at PCC functions. During this past summer, PCC Engine 1 was on display near the AB Building during PCC's 80th Anniversary Celebration on the Pueblo Campus and joined in the Educational Pathways Fair. The truck added to the excitement and became a featured element when it led the PCC annual Celebration Walk to kick off the new school year.

The fire engine has also been a very visible college representative in the community as well. It participated in the 2013 Colorado State Fair Parade, and just

days later was part of the Fiesta Day Parade. Its biggest role to date came this fall when Engine 1 carried state dignitaries during their visit to the Pueblo campus.

Aside from an outstanding instructional aid for our students, the demand for Engine 1's participation in non-training events has us predicting that this is going to be one busy truck during the coming year.



*During their late October visit to the PCC Pueblo Campus, Colorado Community College System (CCCS) President Dr. Nancy McCallin and Rhonda Bentz, CCCS Director of Media and Legislative Communications, were taken for a ride in the Big Red Fire Truck by John Webber, PCC Fire Science Faculty.*

## The New Fremont Campus Rock Star

It was a cold evening in October 1973 when a bright light streaked across the sky over southern Colorado. A sound similar to a rifle shot was heard, and was quickly followed by a rock smashing through the roof of a garage in northern Cañon City. This was no ordinary rock, but one that had traveled sixty million miles through space. In celebration of the Cañon City Meteorite's 40th anniversary, PCC's Fremont Campus played host to a weeklong celebration of activities including displays of the Cañon City Meteorite and meteorites from across the world, internationally known speakers, geology labs for the community, presentations



to hundreds of school children, and a community reception. The celebration culminated in a donation of a fragment of the Cañon City Meteorite (permanently housed at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science) to the PCC Fremont Campus by Mike Ryan, the first Sheriff Deputy to arrive on scene that fateful night. This small piece of Cañon City history has at last come home and will be on display at the Fremont Campus.



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# Start Here

## SCCC Mancos Hosts 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Montelores *Career Fair*

Nearly 1,000 Montezuma and Dolores County high school students filled the classrooms and buildings of Southwest Colorado Community College's Mancos campus on September 16, when the college sponsored the 2nd Annual Montelores Career Fair.

High school students from Cortez, Dolores, Dove Creek, and Silverton were bussed to the Mancos campus for half-day sessions. Each student attended two 40-minute panel sessions featuring various professionals who explained their careers, along with related degrees or training, and answered questions from the students. The panels were divided into Colorado Career Pathway concentrations, and students chose their top two pathways before the Career Fair, to give them time to research the fields. The

panelists, about 120 in all, represented a cross-section of professions and careers available in Southwest Colorado.

Each student also attended the One Stop Career Shop area, a new addition to this year's Career Fair. The SCCC Law Enforcement Academy Gym and Training Facility was cleared of equipment and filled with booths, where representatives from all areas of the Colorado Career Pathways set up shop to interact with students. This room was designed to give students the opportunity to experience a "real" career fair, and included regional employers giving demonstrations and one-on-one interactions with students. The One-Stop also featured the San Juan Regional Medical Center Life Flight Helicopter, which was flown in from Farmington, New Mexico. Interested

students were taken on tours of the helicopter and talked to the crew about careers as EMS Technicians.

One of the most-often heard pieces of advice given by the professional panelists was, "Plan, plan, plan!" SCCC offers concurrent enrollment with every high school in Region 9, and has worked with several of the area high schools to credential existing teachers and offer SCCC classes and programs in the high schools.

The success of the day was reflected in that same principle: Plan, plan, plan! SCCC is thrilled to have had the opportunity to sponsor this event for the second year in a row, and is already working with Montelores Career Fair planners to host the event for a third consecutive year!

## "Colorful Aspens" Benefit SCCC College Students

The La Plata Mountains that surround Durango were in full Fall attire on October 3 when Summer (Barbara) Lynch, a local Durango artist and a member of the Southwest Colorado Community College Advisory Committee, opened a showing of her work with a reception at the Durango Branch of Pine River Valley Bank. Shown here with SCCC Dean Norm Jones, Ms. Lynch is an active member of the vibrant and growing Durango arts community. In a smaller community, it is often difficult for artists to find dedicated spaces to display their work. Ms. Lynch's show, "Something for Everyone," showed the community that any space can be turned into a gallery! The SCCC Student Scholarship Fund will receive 25% of the proceeds from the sale of the painting, "Colorful Aspens."



## Liking Our New Look

The Durango campus of Southwest Colorado Community College spent the summer under partial construction as Bobby Sitton, Facilities Coordinator, executed the design plan to move the bookstore and turn the area into a well-deserved and long-awaited Learning Center for the SCCC students. Additionally, the GoZone! offices were reconfigured and redesigned to accommodate Student Success staff, while providing quiet and confidential areas where counselors can interact with students.

The Durango Campus is located in an ideal part of the city, just minutes from highway access and directly off of Durango's main road, Camino Del Rio.

However, as in many older mountain towns, location often dictates design, and SCCC

Durango occupies space in The Commons, a building that once served as a federal office building. Because the building is older, there are challenges with space and design. The Associated Student Government in Durango has been working with SCCC administration for the past few years to find space within the building where students can go to study, alone or in groups, and just



“hang out” with each other. In the spring of 2013, Executive Dean Norm Jones worked with Durango staff and faculty to come up with a plan to put existing space to good use. The bookstore was moved into the newly remodeled GoZone!, leaving room for a quiet, bright, and inviting space to serve as the new Student Learning Center.

# Go Anywhere



## Troy Salazar New Coordinator for EMS Education at SCCC



Troy Salazar has accepted a position as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator at Southwest Colorado Community College, a division of PCC. Troy is a PCC graduate, having received his associate degree in EMS in December of 2000 and has been teaching EMS at PCC full-time since 2005. Troy started his career at PCC as a work-study while attending classes in 1999, then worked part-time as an EMS instructor until joining PCC full-time.

Since the merger with the San Juan Basin Vo-Tech facility in Mancos, he has made many trips to SCCC to assist in both EMS and Nursing classes. The full-time position will allow him to work

closer with local EMS agencies to facilitate their EMS education training needs as well as grow the EMS program at SCCC. There are plans for future courses to be offered in EMS at all levels as well as the development of new courses such as Wilderness upgrade, Advanced EMT and Paramedic. He is looking forward to involvement with the annual Colorado Symposium on Emergency Care Conference that will be held in May 2014, the conference that he says helped him make his decision to become a Paramedic.

*for more information...*

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## PCC Earns Military Friendly Distinction



Pueblo Community College's focused efforts to help military veterans gain an education and get started in a career has earned it the title of being on the "2014 Military Friendly Schools" list. Victory Media has notified PCC that it is among the top 20 percent of 1,868 colleges, universities, and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

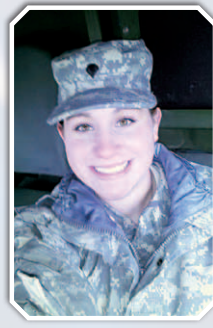
PCC is judged to have excellent programs and policies for student support on campus, and provide academic accreditation, credit policies, flexibility, and other services to those who served. PCC maintains a number of initiatives aimed at aiding veterans:

- Has skilled academic advisors who are familiar with the needs, rules, and regulations of the military
- Has a veterans page on its website, explaining educational benefits available and an updated resources link to assist vets
- Schedules visits by a Veterans Administration readjustment counselor on campus twice a month to meet with veterans by appointment
- Offers a College Level Examination Program (CLEP) that provides tests to gauge college-level knowledge and provide credit for service
- Partners with CSU-Pueblo to conduct an annual Veterans Resource Fair
- Operates a Veterans Upward Bound program on campus to provide support services

PCC currently has 284 students who are using VA educational benefits, with 246 of them veterans and the other 38 being dependents of veterans. It has another 126 veterans and 13 dependents of veterans who are not using such benefits.



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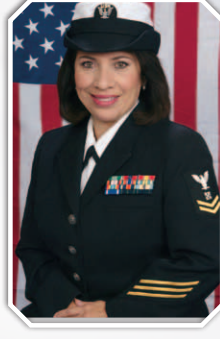
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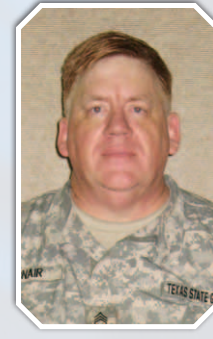
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# Exciting Testing Center Opportunities for Active Duty Military and Veterans

Pueblo Community College Testing Center is actively engaged with serving our veterans and military personnel. The center supports distance learning opportunities for our military and civilian students through the remote Accuplacer testing program in foreign countries and military bases across the country. A distance proctor approval system has been introduced for PCC students who are unable to take their exams on campus at the center.

Over the past few years the center has been working on ways to help our students achieve their ultimate goal of graduation from PCC by expanding the offerings of Credit-for-Prior-Learning Exams, such as College Level

Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Test (DSST), and Excelsior College Exams. Through the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) Program, CLEP and DSST exams are available to active-duty military students and their spouses at a discounted rate, sometimes as much as 73% off. These exams, even at regular price, are substantially less expensive than tuition. Also, Credit-for-Prior-Learning Exams allow students to use previous training (e.g. military) or real-world experience as credit towards their degree.

The Testing Center will be expanding its presence to the downtown studio campus. The center hopes to have staff available a few times per week at the studio campus to offer Accuplacer and Credit-for-Prior Learning Exams



*Testing Center's Jordyn Himes (left) explains forms to Adjunct Instructor Marlene Bregar.*

for veterans and other populations. This service will help encourage veterans to attend classes on campus and achieve their educational goals.

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# Hispanic-Serving Institution Week

## Motivational Speaker and Author Juana Bordas Returns to Pueblo

The Diversity Activities Committee's (DAC) annual celebration of Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) Week was a great success. HSI Week is nationally celebrated on the third week of September. The DAC HSI festivities feature the annual Salsa con Salsa event, which involves a salsa-making contest and salsa dancing. This year, the DAC was able to partner with Colorado State University-Pueblo and Black Hills Energy to bring renowned leader, motivational speaker, and author Juana Bordas to the PCC campus.

Juana immigrated to the United States from Nicaragua and she was the first of her family to attend college. She raised her family here in Pueblo, where she became a very passionate leader for women's rights. Per her biography, "her early years would instill in her a desire to give back, to make a contribution, and to assist other Latinos/as find their place in society." Juana is the founder of the Denver Mi Casa Women's Resource Center, president of Mestiza Leadership International, and vice president of the board for the Greenleaf Center for Creative Leadership.

Juana was thrilled to be invited back to where she raised her family. She had a busy two-day visit here. On the first day, she had a reception and book-signing at the Rawlings Library, followed by a presentation to PCC's and CSU-Pueblo's Presidential Leadership Program students. On her second day, she presented a professional development seminar to PCC faculty and staff on leadership and diversity. She then spoke to PCC students on leadership and giving back to the community. Towards the end of her visit here at PCC, she joined local dignitaries, including PCC President Patty Erjavec and CSU-Pueblo President Leslie DiMare, for a joint county-wide proclamation for HSI Week.



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## All Pueblo Reads 2013

Once again, Pueblo Community College is a proud community partner for the All Pueblo Reads literary project, designed to get everyone in Pueblo County reading and discussing one book at the same time each year. The goal of the project, now in its ninth year, is to promote dialogue across social, cultural, and generational lines.

This year's selection, The Help by Kathryn Stockett, is a novel about the lives of African-American domestic workers living in the southeastern

United States during the Civil Rights era. It is focused on themes of civil rights, human dignity, and personal power. PCC's Culinary Arts students took part in the project by preparing Southern Plantation Cuisine that was featured in the GPA dining room on October 30 and November 6.

### The Help





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*During the spring 2013 semester, the PCC Alumni Association photographed the inductees of Alpha Rho Theta Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. The inductees were given their individual photos as gifts from the Alumni Association, which congratulates each of them on their academic achievement.*

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# From *serv*ing their *country* to *serv*ing their *communities*



In today's world, there are many challenges facing our veterans. Many veterans struggle with the daunting task of figuring out where their next career will come from ~ "where do I go from here." Veterans carry with them a very unique set of skills and experiences. The challenge is finding a profession in which those skills and experiences will allow them to excel and flourish, while appealing to their sense of service and commitment.

This brings us to Pueblo Community College's Law Enforcement Academy, an 18-week program designed to prepare students to successfully pass the Colorado P.O.S.T. exam and pursue careers within the law enforcement community. Like military service, working in law enforcement also requires specific skills to be successful.

Additionally, certain characteristics of military service can be translated into law enforcement, such as: discipline, integrity, firearms skills, responsibility, the ability to work effectively in teams or individually, experience dealing with stressful situations, problem solving, and attention to detail. Often, the qualities found in a good soldier are the very qualities that make a good policeman. Many veterans find moving from the military environment to law enforcement is a natural transition.

For current Pueblo Law Enforcement Academy students Donald "Doc" Adams, Brandon Bernal, Michael Fetterhoff, William Ownbey, Edward Pfeifer, and Peter Rasmussen, the familiarity of a career in law enforcement brings the opportunity to apply skills and experience obtained during our military service to a new and rewarding career serving our communities.

Their paths in Law Enforcement will take them in many different directions. Some will be looking to get into specialized fields such as SWAT, K9, narcotics, or investigations; others will go straight to the streets of our very communities to serve as patrol officers. However, they will always share the commonality of our military service.

These endeavors are not without sacrifices. Once again they will endure the long, rigorous hours of physical training and academic performance, the financial burden of educational commitment, and time away from loved ones. However, it is these challenges that solidify their resolve and drive them to succeed. You may never find better leadership traits than those of a soldier, and the benefits of bringing veterans to a police agency yield great results and make a positive impact on our communities.



*Veterans who are now PCC Law Enforcement Academy students:  
Edward Pfeifer, William Ownbey,  
Donald Adams, Brandon Bernal,  
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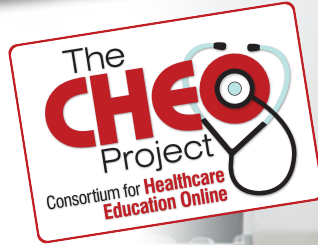
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# PCC Leads CHEO Project



As a Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career

Training (TAACCCT) Round 2 grant recipient, the Consortium for Healthcare Education Online (CHEO) is creating true Collective Impact. With Pueblo Community College positioned as the lead institution, the U.S. Department of Labor has entrusted the CHEO Project with over \$14 million to help dislocated workers, veterans, and under-waged earners develop the skills needed to secure viable and sustainable employment in the allied health fields. Co-Grantee partners



hail from across a five-state region including Alaska, Colorado, Montana, South Dakota, and Wyoming. The Project's four-year mission is to enroll 3,037 students in CHEO-related courses and expand lab sites for the North American Network of Science Labs Online (NANSLO) in Canada, Colorado, and Montana thereby providing state-of-the art, web-based, remote experiments in biology, chemistry, and physics.

With career coaching support, 2,460 students will complete online and hybrid programs. Nearly 2,000 students will attain allied health-related credentials allowing them to step into the workforce armed with the skills employer partners require. Partnering with local Workforce Centers, Parkview Medical Center, and St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center in Pueblo, Southwest Memorial Hospital in Cortez, and many others, PCC boldly faces today's educational and economic challenges. With the support of PCC's Science Department, the Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, and Polysomnography programs will positively impact hundreds of PCC students and, in turn, help create solutions to a number of serious economic issues.

PCC is proud to be leading the national effort to put people back into the workforce and fortunate to be able to partner with so many to make that happen. Throughout this journey, the consortium will build successes and problem-solve challenges as they arise. Though the geographical reach is broad, PCC is building partnerships whose mission is to collectively impact this nation's economy and its future.

*for more information...*

Contact CHEO Career Coach John West  
at 719-549-3221 or visit [www.CHEOProject.org](http://www.CHEOProject.org).

**COLLECTIVE IMPACT** initiatives depend on a diverse group of stakeholders working together, not by requiring that all participants do the same thing, but by encouraging each participant to undertake the specific set of activities at which it excels in a way that supports and is coordinated with the actions of others.

– John Kania and Mark Kramer  
*Stanford Social Innovation Review*, Winter 2013

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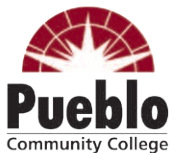
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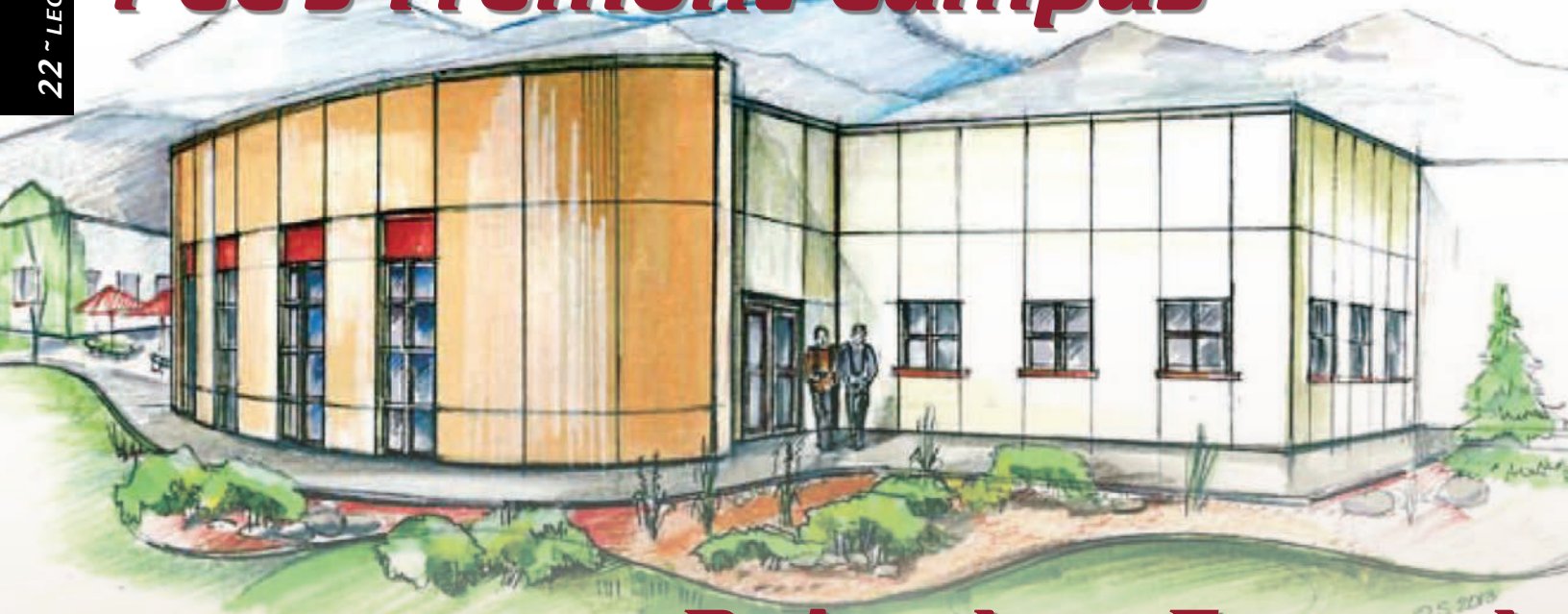
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	\$ 384,915
Receivables	416,788
Prepaid Expenses	7,629
Investments	5,584,583
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,393,915</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 74,879
Other Liabilities	22,801
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 97,680</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	
Unrestricted	\$ 1,951,965
Temporarily Restricted	2,821,637
Permanently Restricted	1,522,633
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,296,235</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 6,393,915</b>

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Contributions/Fundraising/In-kind	\$ 1,199,761
Investment Income	277,272
Rental Revenue	246,409
Other	49,091
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Support</b>	<b>\$ 1,772,533</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Program Expenses	\$ 745,986
Scholarships	329,543
Management & general	124,912
Fundraising expenses	198,237
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,398,678</b>
Change in Net Asset Value	\$ 373,855
<b>Total Expenses &amp; Change in Net Asset Value</b>	<b>\$ 1,772,533</b>
Net Assets – June 30, 2012	\$ 5,922,380
Net Assets – June 30, 2013	\$ 6,296,235

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# PCC's Fremont Campus



## Poised to Expand

Since the mid-1980s, Pueblo Community College has provided higher education opportunities for the people of Fremont and Custer counties. The growing need for a local college campus drove an unprecedented community fund-raising initiative that resulted in the completion of the Fremont Campus in August 2001. Now, in order to accommodate student and community demands, we need to expand the current building.

The recently completed Project I of the Going for the Gold Capital Campaign successfully addressed the need for increased classroom space by remodeling the Learning Resource Center (LRC) to accommodate smaller,

more personalized classes within the existing spaces and by providing private, quiet study areas and a separate testing center.

A quick glance at the Fremont Campus today provides you with insight into our current needs. Geography students congregate in the hallway in an impromptu study session. Students sit on the floor near the vending machines strumming on their guitars, while a debate on a political recall vote grows heated as students head into the LRC. Nursing students passionately discuss personal values in study groups outside their classroom.

These scenes demonstrate the need for students to congregate and benefit from intellectual discourse and community. Research reflects the Fremont Campus' reality: Students need informal study spaces and opportunities to engage in collaborative learning. These needs, paired with our desire to "enrich our community," set the stage for the Going for the Gold Capital Campaign Project II.

The proposed Student Commons addition would include a 3,500 square foot addition to the east side of the Fremont Campus which will accommodate student events, study, and group gatherings. The space may also be available for special community events. The Commons will include a separate snack preparation area with water, refrigerator, counters with plug ins for microwaves, coffee pots, and more. The plan includes storage closets for tables, chairs, and other equipment.

Current Fremont Campus students are so dedicated to this project that they have led the charge by assessing a student fee on themselves to help pay for the space. They approved this assessment even though many of these students will have graduated or transferred to 4-year universities by the Commons Area's completion in April 2014.

Another generous Fremont County couple delivered a new challenge grant for up to \$100,000 to make this expansion happen. This grant allowed the Foundation to match a recent \$35,000 Boettcher Foundation challenge grant, so there is \$65,000 left to the challenge.

Please join our students, campus staff, and supporters by contributing to expand the Fremont Campus.



Fremont PCC students take advantage of the newly remodeled Learning Resource Center.



## Royal Gorge Fire Impacts Fremont Campus

On June 11, 2013, a wildfire began ravaging the juniper and sage brush near the Royal Gorge Bridge and Park west of Cañon City. The fire was sparked by lightning and driven by hot temperatures, low humidity, and gusting winds. It was destined to impact the PCC Fremont Campus in ways unpredicted.

As the fire raced toward Cañon City, a mandatory evacuation was placed on the Fremont Campus. Smoke rolled over the hills next to the campus as staff, students, and faculty grabbed their personal items and quickly vacated the building. Each day the fire raged unchecked while the Fremont staff waited for word on the status of the campus, grounds, and surrounding area.

The summer instructors reached out to their students and provided seamless instruction through Desire2Learn, e-mail, and personal phone calls. The 225 SPLASH! (a summer program for gifted and talented K-12 students) attendees were contacted and told that the classes would be rescheduled for the following week. This caused a domino effect for the college's regular summer classes. Cañon City High School stepped up and offered to host PCC's face-to-face classes.

After three and a half days of evacuation, the campus reopened for business, but the days of uncertainty, the news of the extensive damage done to the Royal Gorge Park structures, and the knowledge that many friends and family members lost their jobs due to the fire took its toll on the Fremont Campus and the community. Multiple efforts were put into place to meet the community's emerging needs.

Fremont Campus staff made calls to local government agencies, politicians, and businesses with offers to assist in the community's recovery process. Fremont Campus offered Royal Gorge Park's displaced workers "wrap around" services, including

- financial aid and scholarship advising
- assistance in completing paperwork
- career counseling,
- waived college placement assessment fees
- extended or special hours for academic advising.

Fremont staff partnered with the Cañon City Workforce Center to serve people whose livelihoods were impacted by the fire.



*The same terrain that provided perfect fuel for the wildfire that swept the region in June became an ideal setting for a month-long Wild Land Fire Suppression class on the Fremont Campus. This type of training is ideally held in the rugged mountainous areas that exist behind the campus. Fire Science students learned to safely traverse rough terrain while carrying hand tools. In addition, they learned how to safely create a fire line and to build cup trenches intended to catch and stop any burning fire debris that is rolling downhill. The Fremont Campus had come full circle. A campus, once evacuated due to a raging wild fire, became an important part of the solution to the community's much larger problem.*



## Serving Up Success

Barry Corzine is a 2002 alum of Pueblo Community College and received an academic scholarship which covered half of his entire tuition while attending PCC. Corzine is a graduate of both PCC's culinary arts and Colorado State University-Pueblo's business management programs where he received his AA and BSBA.

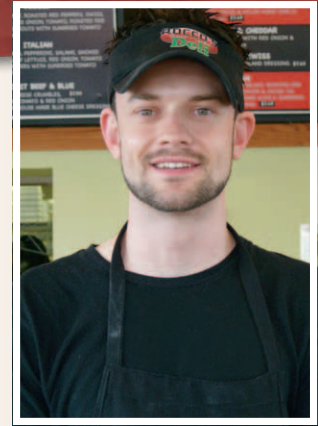
Upon graduation, Corzine applied his education and opened his own business, Rocco's Riverside Deli, near the Fourth Street bridge in Pueblo. Starting the restaurant gave him the opportunity to put his culinary and business skills to the test. "My experience at PCC was incredibly positive. I had excellent professors who understood the nature of the food service industry. They know what it takes to make a business

successful and that was instrumental in my decision to open my own restaurant," Corzine said in a recent interview.

After his first year in operation, Corzine is optimistic about the future of his business. "So far, it's better than anticipated. The greatest thing PCC taught me was to plan long-term goals. It's important to realize that things don't happen overnight. By applying what I learned in college, I have cemented a stable and profitable future."

He strives to provide a welcoming restaurant where quality food is consistently served. As a valued member of the community, Corzine is committed to giving back through charitable donations and speaking to college students about his business experience.

Recently, Rocco's received two Gold medal awards from the Best of Pueblo contest: Best Deli and Best Gluten Free Menu.



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## from Alumni Chair David Siguenza

As the chair for the PCC Alumni Association, I stay connected with the institution, and I see an organizational cultural that strives for excellence and embraces challenges by taking on new endeavors. The College's newest endeavor to service students in the Pueblo community is a satellite center in the heart of downtown Pueblo. This location will provide the same services offered at the campuses with a focus on serving veterans because veterans sacrifice so much to serve our country. We look forward to welcoming veterans into the PCC alumni family.

I have heard many stories of past alumni who attended Pueblo Junior College when army barracks served as academic buildings; modern-day stories of a single mother who lives in her car with her child, yet still finds a way to attend school; and the veteran who has spent a lifetime in the military and now wants to come and learn a trade; or a young high school student who has problems at home and yet perseveres to earn his college degree. All these people from the past and present know that they need a degree to prosper and support themselves, their families, and serve where they can. These students give PCC an amazing richness and purpose that I have not seen anywhere else. These great stories motivate me to continue with the good work that PCC provides to students and give me great satisfaction in serving as Chair of the Alumni Association.

# UPDATES

# ALUMNI

**Betty Alt, '54**, gave a presentation based on the book she co-authored with Dr. Sandra Wells titled "Fleeing Grandma and Grandpa" during Pueblo County's Colorado Senior Law Day.

**Arnold Mitchem, Ph.D., '56**, retired as the founding President of the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) where he has been a voice for low-income, first-generation students, individuals with disabilities, adult learners, and veterans throughout his entire career. He built COE as a national organization that would give

these groups a voice in Washington. His life's work was celebrated at COE's 32nd annual conference this September in Chicago, Illinois. In attendance during the celebration was PCC's Director of TRiO Upward Bound, Cindy Ayala.



**Dennis Maes, '63**, the retired Chief District Judge has been appointed to his first term on the Colorado Lottery Commission.

**Susan Barela, '66**, went on to receive two bachelor's degrees and a law degree. She worked in employment law for the US Postal Service. She is now retired and is writing a book. She also is a cancer survivor.

**Keith and Sharon Swerdfeger, '68**, were honored for their leadership and commitment to Parkview Medical Center as well as their contributions to the Pueblo community during the Starlight Gala in September.

**Carlos J. Rodriguez, '69**, was inducted into the Boys Town Hall of History in Omaha, Nebraska.

**Jan L. Williams, '69**, was honored at the Pueblo Child Advocacy Blue Tie Gala in April and was recently appointed to the PCC Foundation Board.

**Irene I. Blea, Ph.D., '72**, accomplished scholar and author of textbooks and academic articles, was honored as the Alumni Association's 2013 Distinguished Alumna.

**Denise A. Vargas, '80**, is the new Resource Specialist for PCC's GED Preparation classes and the HOPE Bridge program.

**Sally A. Villalva, '81**, presented the Pueblo Child Advocacy Center with a generous donation of \$56,000. The donation came from nearly ten months of fundraising that Sally did on behalf of the center as the outgoing "grand madam" of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary.

**George A. Rivera, '96**, is the new State Senator representing Pueblo's Senate District 3.

**Sean L. Conger, '98**, is a new Structural Trades II employee for PCC's Facility Services.

**Corie L. Ames, '05**, was added to the ranks of the Cañon City Police Department, Cañon City.

**Leroy M. Garcia, '05**, was elected the Representative for House District 46. Mr. Garcia, a 2012 Distinguished Alum, also teaches emergency medical services at PCC.

**James D. Hightower, '09**, along with his parents bought the Coyote Grill in Pueblo. Relying on his experience and his studies for an associate degree in hospitality management from PCC, James hopes to make a go of the restaurant located at the Nature Center.

**Lisa M. Acuna, '13**, completed her two-week annual Navy Reserve training in Naples, Italy, during the month of June.



**Ava DeHerrera, '04**, is once again "Honoring our Veterans" in Pueblo by working as the Military Affair Facilitator for *The Pueblo Chieftain's Veterans Parade* on November 9, 2013, a service that she has performed the past three years while helping it grow proportionately.

## Alumni Deaths

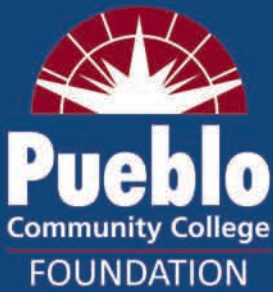
- Nadine Morton, '39
- Robert E. Butler, '46
- Gloria Reis, '57
- Hal S. Hartman, '58
- Frank Bole, '66
- Charlene J. Sharp, '70
- Ardyth L. Johnson, '71
- Benjamin S. Sandoval, '88
- Marion F. Harr, '94
- James B. Jesmer, '10
- Mollie A. Skelton, '12

## Births to Alumni

- Alicia M. Cabrera, '07 and Steven Whitehead  
~ daughter on April 13
- Michael P. Perea, '07 and Jessica Cordova  
~ a son on March 29
- Ryan Donoho, '09 and Amanda Donoho  
~ twin sons on May 7

## Alumni Marriages

- Quanisha M. Lucero, '05, married David Paul Lucero.
- Faith A. Cortez, '09, married Brendan Joseph De Lao, '10.
- Holly J. Crespín, '10, married Valentin Jose Rueda.
- Daniel J. Thielemier, '12, married Nicole Rene Supancic.



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