Student Access to comprehensive academic programs
New scholarship helps makes college more affordable – Students who either attend PCC’s Fremont Campus or are Fremont County residents attending PCC's Pueblo campus can now apply for the new Fremont Advisory Council Scholarship. Three awards of $1,000 to be distributed over two semesters will begin in the spring semester for qualifying second-year students taking nine or more credits.

Medical Coding field’s excellent job prospects detailed – With the medical records field going electronic, PCC held a community information session Aug. 7 to provide information about its Medical Coding & Billing program and the job availability in the profession. PCC has the only accredited Medical Coding certificate program in Colorado. Full-time students can complete the program in one year.

Potential students learn about “hot” professions – Community members between jobs or needing new work skills attended the free Back for the Future workshop that was conducted by PCC’s Office of Recruitment. The focus was to provide useful information about hot career choices and academic programs that can provide the skills needed to qualify for the jobs in those career tracks.

Student Success through high-quality instruction and educational service
Experts provide faculty with exquisite learning opportunity – A professional development day gave faculty the chance to attend an Educational Summit at PCC on Aug. 31. Six nationally-recognized educational trainers provided learning sessions on customer service, engaging and retaining students, critical thinking, online instruction services, and strategies that work with those hard to reach and retain.

Students have a forum for discussing issues they face – PCC has begun offering free, twice-a-month interactive sessions, titled "Talk About," to give students the chance to discuss issues that affect them. Topics include college stress, conflict resolution, building healthy relationships, decision making & goal setting, study skills, self-care, interpersonal skills, creative problem solving, etc.

Students to mentor fellow students – A call for students interested in helping other students by serving in the new Success Mentorship Program drew an excellent response. The program requires a training session and 20-hour time commitment, awarding mentors a $225 scholarship at its conclusion.

Computer-related help, training provided to students & staff – To resolve potential difficulties, PCC made open D2L training times available to both students and faculty at the start of the Fall Semester. The IT Department also had a help room open for instructors needing assistance with simple computer tasks.

Student Success through development high-skilled workforce
Students' hone art gallery management skills – For the 16th consecutive year, students enrolled in the "Gallery Management" class this summer planned the layout and installed the artwork at the Colorado State Fair’s Fine Arts Exhibition. They also managed the exhibit throughout the 11-day State Fair. The students were honored at a Fine Arts Preview Reception held on the eve of the Fair’s opening.

PCC grad’s talent impresses art jurors – A May 2012 PCC welding program graduate blew away the judges with his mild steel production entry in the Colorado State Fair’s Fine Arts Exhibit. Not only did Otis Driftwood’s FireFall dragon creation win the Juror’s Choice award, but it did so in the Professional Division even though it was the first time he had entered an art competition.

Broadcasting students learn by doing – Students in PCC’s Center for New Media program received excellent broadcasting “field experience” by covering both the State Fair and Fiesta Day parades, which were replayed several times on one of the four cable TV stations that PCC operates.