Student Access to comprehensive academic programs

PCC unique in offering Advanced Pipe Welding certificate – PCC is now the only community college in Colorado that offers an Advanced Pipe Welding certificate program. Those with advanced welding experience, preferably with previous shielded metal arc welding certification, can complete it in one year.

Medical Coding certificate program to be offered totally online – Students enrolling in the Medical Coding certificate program can now take all prerequisites online and will also be able to take all program courses online starting in the fall 2013 semester. This is the state’s only nationally accredited program.

Major donors given prestigious status – A Donor Appreciation Dinner was held Nov. 2 to induct two organizations into the elite PCC Foundation “President’s Circle.” The Assistance League of Pueblo and St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center were honored for long-time support of the Foundation, thus providing scholarships and supporting college needs.

Student Success through high-quality instruction and educational service

Boot Camps help students raise Accuplacer scores – PCC began conducting Boot Camps on Dec. 1 for students wanting to improve their English, math or reading Accuplacer scores. These are extremely useful since remediation classes in these subjects are no longer eligible for financial aid.

New initiative a big help to students – PCC has restructured its basic skills English, math and reading classes under a new initiative on the Pueblo campus. Classes have been integrated to enable new students to take fewer remediation classes, saving them time and money.

Mini-workshops aimed at helping students take exams – PCC’s Counseling & Career Services office conducted two free one-hour mini-workshops titled “Test Taking & Avoiding Text Anxiety” the week before final exams to help students maximize their testing proficiency.

Job Fair lets students make initial business contacts – A job fair held Nov. 14 in our Fortino Ballroom enabled students to meet with employer representatives about current and future job opportunities. Approximately two dozen firms provided information in a convenient 1-on-1 setting.

Students, staff visit the Van Gogh exhibit – A chartered bus enabled students, faculty and staff to visit the Denver Art Museum on Nov. 9 to see the “Becoming van Gogh” exhibit. This was another in a series of “Celebration of the Arts” educational experiences being held this academic year.

Student Success through development of a high-skilled workforce

Welding students brighten display – This year, Welding program students created two new figures for the Pueblo Zoo’s ElectriCritters holiday light display that is open to the community. The students also operate the concession stand to raise funds for organizations that serve needy children.

Culinary students gain experience – Culinary Arts students staged a community Grand Buffet, conducted weekly gourmet dinners and served a large luncheon held to benefit for Marine Colton Carlson, a double amputee who recently returned to Pueblo. They then demonstrated their skills by earning a bronze medal in the American Culinary Federation’s regional competition in Denver.

Student Success through seamless transfer opportunities

High school students learn about colleges – A College Fair enabled more than 500 high school students from the two Pueblo school districts and outlying areas to visit with representatives from 35 colleges and universities and learn about enrolling, academic programs, financial aid, etc.