Transform the student experience

PCC receives major state funding -- PCC has been awarded $3.6 million in state funding for a capital renewal project that will upgrade the Davis Academic Buildings infrastructure. This is the largest capital construction project award being made to any community college in Colorado this year. The funding will be used for the design and completion of five main Davis AB maintenance projects. In addition, funding will go toward purchasing mechanical systems equipment that would be installed in the future.

PCC student honored with state award -- PCC student Clara McClure was named the Outstanding 4-H Youth Leader at the state 4-H conference in Fort Collins in late June. The award goes to a 4-H member who excels in both 4-H and the community. Clara is a homeschooled product who started taking classes at PCC in the spring of 2014. She serves as president of the Student Activities Board and was recently accepted into the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

Transform our own workforce experience

PCC’s contribution to community lauded -- PCC and President Erjavec were both in the news recently. After PCC drew recognition by being ranked fourth nationally for providing value-added education, Erjavec drew media coverage from a Latino Chamber of Commerce luncheon at which she discussed the positive impact that the college’s academic programs provides to the community.

PCC’s first STEM Career Fair draws a crowd -- Dozens of curious community members came to PCC on June 17 to attend the college’s inaugural STEM Career Fair. The program provided personal career perspectives from employees in different STEM fields.

Raising value standards through excellence & accessibility

SCCC-West adds key new programs -- PCC’s Southwest Colorado Community College-West campus in Mancos is adding Fire Science Technology and Emergency Medical Services associate degree programs beginning with the fall semester. The EMS program will include paramedic training, while the Fire Science curriculum will include certifications in Firefighter I and II and Wildland Firefighting.

SCCC-East site adding two Medical Imaging programs -- PCC’s Southwest Colorado Community College-East branch in Durango is adding two certificate programs in Medical Imaging with the start of the fall semester. Being added are both Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Computed Tomography programs, which are professional development opportunities for registered radiologic technologists. They both can be completed in two semesters, with non-clinical classes offered online. Completers will be eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) exam.

PCC launching Barbering program -- PCC is registering students for its new Barbering program, with classes to begin in the fall semester. The three-semester program is an excellent addition to PCC’s Cosmetology Department that includes Hairstylist, Nail Technician and Esthetician programs. It will enable completers to become licensed, which is required of barbers in all U.S. states.

Scholarships made available to students -- Davis Law Group has launched the 2015-2016 Law & Justice Scholarship Contest and has made PCC students eligible to apply. It will make awards of $2,000 to three students aspiring for careers in the law & justice field.

Create education without barriers through partnerships

Partners offer specific information about health careers -- The Southern Healthcare Partnership, a collaboration of local entities and spearheaded by PCC, conducted a Health Career Job Fair on July 28 to provide community members extensive information from employees on what health careers are like. Employees provided job details in seven breakout sessions.