PCC students manage Fine Art Exhibit – PCC students in instructor Connie Archuleta’s "Gallery Management" class are again managing the Fine Art Exhibit throughout the 11-day Colorado State Fair. Prior to its start, they also designed the layout and installed the pieces of artwork in the Fine Arts Gallery.

Informative, free cooking class offered to students – The start of the fall semester features a free six-week "Cooking Matters" class to help teach students how to cook healthy meals on a budget. It includes preparing a meal in class each week and taking a shopping trip to learn how to buy smart.

PCC excited to offer its first 4-year degree program – With PCC getting its first Bachelor of Applied Science degree program approved by the State Board in August, the college now hopes to clear the final hurdles needed to begin offering it in the fall of 2016. PCC will become the second community college in the state to offer a bachelor’s degree.

Ambulance donation to provide real-world experience – The Emergency Medical Services program at PCC’s Southwest Colorado Community College-West site in Mancos was given a huge boost in August when it received a donated 1999 ambulance from the Los Pinos Fire Department in Ignacio. The ambulance will be used to help train students by giving them experience in working out of an ambulance.

Transform our own workforce experience

Mobile labs initiative wins PCC national award – PCC’s fleet of mobile learning labs for providing on-site education has been selected to receive the National Council for Continuing Education & Training’s 2015 Exemplary Program Award. The program was cited for its impact, innovation, sustainability and replicability. Awards are given in four divisions, and PCC topped all nominations in the Workforce & Economic Development category. PCC representatives will accept the award and make a presentation at the 2015 NCCET annual conference that will be held Sept. 28-30 in Portland, OR.

Employees learn how to self-measure performance – A "Facets of Quality" professional development workshop that was offered to employees in August gave them a chance to choose their own quality performance measure. The workshop also included training in writing a performance standard and a discussion on the State’s criteria used for meeting excellent performance standards.

President Erjavec receives State Fair honor – PCC President Patty Erjavec was the Honorary Grand Parade Marshal for the Colorado State Fair Parade that was held Aug. 29. PCC students, faculty and staff walked with the Associated Student Government’s float during the parade, and PCC’s contingent also included a police car, fire truck and ambulance from the college’s fleet of program vehicles.

Raising value standards through excellence & accessibility

Center for New Media showcases career choices – Students and community members in a wide range of ages attended an open house hosted July 30 by the Center for New Media. In-depth information was provided about careers in the design (graphic, web), broadcasting and mass communications career fields. These programs provide excellent real-world experience and ample career opportunities.

Create education without barriers through partnerships

Haas Foundation supports Machining students – Haas Automation, which has been a generous partner by providing PCC with quality Machining program equipment for many years has now contributed significant dollars the past two years to fund scholarships for our Machining students. PCC most recently received a check from Haas for $20,000 that will assist students with the cost of tuition, books, fees and tools during the current academic year.