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Transform the student experience.

First Responder Simulation Exercise as part of Marketing PIN Project
PPCC Fire Science and Law Enforcement Academy Students participated in a simulated vehicle accident as part of a PR campaign to tell the stories about how Pikes Peak Community College contributes to our community. In front of the media and representatives of the PPCC leadership team, students from both departments responded to the simulated car accident scene involving a drunk driver in the same manner as if they were on the job.

Law Enforcement Academy students cordoned off the accident scene while Fire Science students used extrication gear to remove the doors and roof of the crash victims’ vehicle. The crash victim – a 200 lb. simulation dummy named “Ty” – was removed from the wreckage and treated for his injuries.

Four TV stations and the local newspaper, The Gazette, covered the event, resulting in an estimated $50,000 in free publicity about how graduates of these fantastic PPCC programs save lives in our community every day.

Exciting New Learning Commons Space Set to Open
The construction for the PPCC Learning Commons at the Centennial Campus is near completion. The new space will serve as a cooperative learning space that encourages learning through academic exploration, collaborative inquiry, and social interaction. Library, tutoring and information technology services are integrated to provide a continuum of academic support and resources for existing and potential PPCC students. In preparation for the new space, new support structures were put in place to better accommodate student needs. Merging faculty and peer-led tutoring and Library Services in one central location has increased efficiency and effectiveness of partnering with students to confront and overcome educational barriers. Expanded services included offering pre-placement testing, database and reference assistance, and academic coaching. In an effort to ensure consistency of the student experience, all services will be offered at each of the PPCC campuses beginning fall 2017.

SkillsUSA Results
PPCC took 11 first place state SkillsUSA students to the 53rd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference & Competition in Louisville, Kentucky. This was a showcase of career and technical education students. More than 6,000 outstanding career and technical education students — all state contest winners —
competed hands-on in 100 different trade, technical and leadership fields. Students worked against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations such as electronics, computer-aided drafting, CNC machining, diesel power equipment, auto collision technology and criminal justice. Contests were run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competencies are set by industry.

Huge congratulations to Wil Elwood (CAD) who brought home a Gold medal in Technical Drafting and Ryan Sturt and Ryan Sullivant (ELT) who placed Silver in Robotics Search and Rescue. George Miller placed 4th in Electronics Technology. Most of our students came home with prizes, cash, and some with scholarships and certifications.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Jeff Cooper of the Petritz Foundation and Dave Jeffrey of JPM Prototype & Mfg. Inc. for their generous donations during our fundraiser. Also our appreciation to Student Government and many private donors for their support of our students.

PPCC has a lot to be proud of sending the following students to represent Pikes Peak Community College and the state of Colorado at this National competition.

**Advisors:**
- Mike Friedel- DPT
- Michele Koster- CAD/ELT/MAC
- Ralph Mills-ACT

**Students:**
- Bruce Driml- Auto Collision Repair
- Wil Elwood- Technical Drafting (Post-Secondary)
- Alex Ferguson- Diesel Equipment Technology
- Ethan Gorra and Henry McCullohs- Additive Manufacturing
- George Miller- Electronics Technology
- Ben Nix- Criminal Justice
- Clayton Plummer- CNC Milling
- Ryan Sturt and Ryan Sullivant- Robotics Search and Rescue
- Anna Swanson- Technical Drafting (Secondary 9th of 45)
Two PPCC Students Place at PBL National Conference  For the first time in recent years, PPCC had two students recognized at the Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference. Jason Todd won 3rd in Cyber Security and 4th in Networking Concepts, and Clinton Howard won 8th in Contemporary Sports Issues.

Students from colleges and universities from across the country gathered in Anaheim, CA from June 24th through June 27th to compete in events ranging from Marketing and Management to Business Law and Justice Administration. In total, six PPCC students traveled to the event to compete.

Phi Beta Lambda is a professional business collegiate counterpart of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

The theme for the 2016 All Pikes Peak Reads (APPR) was “Stories;” APPR is a Pikes Peak Library District community program and PPCC has partnered with PPLD since the program inception in 2005. The 2016 titles, Hidden America: the Unseen People who Make This Country Work by Jeanne Marie Laskas, Writing My Wrongs by Shaka Senghor, and the play After by Chad Beckim provided the basis for PPCC’s programming. The library leads the planning and sponsoring of these events although faculty members engage students with the book titles and producing the variety of events each year. Dawn Bergacker, Reference and Outreach Librarian, was pivotal in coordinating faculty and event planning.

A total of 554 people participated in the events. Thirty-eight students submitted their work in a contest based on the theme which included poems, short stories, a play script, photographs, and audio short stories. The play, After by Chad Beckim, was produced and performed by theater students; six literature classes used the play in their curriculum. Laskas visited the Downtown Campus to meet students and hear their contest submissions. The culmination of the APPR programming was the “Showcase of Talent” evening program; music students performed works, contest winners were
shared, and dramatic spoken word performances by students were based on historical events.

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

**State Library Grant**
The library was awarded a grant of $5,381, which was used to fund a subscription for the Grove Dictionary of Music database. This database had been a long-requested resource from the Music Department and because of this grant, the library is now able to support research for our music students.