

SBCCOE Report – September 2023

Dr. Lance Bolton, President

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



On Thursday, June 15 Governor Polis and Mayor Mobolade stopped by PPSC to visit Pikes Peak Law Enforcement Academy students to discuss the LEA program and the grant.

- **[President's Address FALL 2023](#)**

President Bolton delivered his President's Address highlighting PPSC reorganization with new divisions and corresponding administrative structures.

- Business, Technology and Public Services (BTPS)
- Technical and Professional Studies (TPS)
- Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS)
- Science, Engineering and Math (SEM)
- Health Sciences (HS)

- **Introducing New Executive Leaders**

- VP for Student Services –**

- Dr. Roberto Garcia**

- Dr. Garcia started on July 5 and will oversee Enrollment Services, Admissions, and Advising, TRiO, Military and Veterans, Retention, Financial Aid, and Registrar.

- VP of Student Experience, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion –**

- Dr. Enrique Romo**

- Dr. Romo will oversee a new Office of First Year Experience, Student Life, Single Stop & The Community Table, Counseling, and a student Ombuds Office, while also providing the college and especially students with DEI direction, support, and inspiration.

- **CAREER SERVICES – July Workshops**

- Career Services held workshops to help students find jobs on campus, explore careers, build career skills, and connect to other resources.

- Register at pikespeak.edu/career-services

- **NEW THIS FALL**

- Industrial Mechatronics Maintenance (Electrical Automation)*

- For students' industry in how heavy industry uses electrical automation and robotics, PPSC is now offering certificates or an associate degree to quickly get in-demand Automation Technician jobs in CS.

- **CO DRUG INFORMATION SYMPOSIUM**

- Students and employees joined PPSC Campus Police, first responders, prevention professionals, and others for a day of learning.

- **FREE IMMIGRATION FORMS WORKSHOP**

Friday, August 25

PPSC offered free help with DACA renewals and citizenship applications and consult with a lawyer.

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **Zoo Keeping**

Zoo Keeping participated in the Backpack Bash donation at Grand Mountain, a District 3 school. They represented Pikes Peak State College and distributed info about the College's programs. Hundreds of families attended, and hundreds of backpacks were given away.

The Natural and Physical Sciences Zoo Tech program joined the team on [Fox 21's Living Local](#) to introduce them to Sheriff the iguana, and Kevin, the tortoise. They're helping promote the Backpack Bash Giveaway they're helping with.

- **HENRY AWARDS**

PPSC Theatre professor and chair, Sarah Sheppard Shaver received a Henry Award from the Colorado Theatre Guild for Best Supporting Actress for her performance in *The Revolutionists* with Springs Ensemble Theatre. The Henry Award is like the Tony Award, but on a state, rather than national, level. This is the first Henry Award received by the Springs Ensemble Theatre. She also directed a professional theater production, *The Half-Life of Marie Curie* for Theatre Silverthorne.

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **CSU PUEBLO OPEN HOUSE**

On Monday, July 31 CSU Pueblo opened a satellite campus at PPSC's Centennial Campus. They will offer upper division classes in the fall; those students can take to work towards a bachelor's degree. Eventually, PPSC students can finish their associate degree and transfer to CSU Pueblo while remaining on campus.

- **INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT**

Kristen Campbell, a second year Geography student, spent her summer in Boulder in the Geo-Launchpad internship program. Her team worked on a project to extract and analyze shocked zircons from the impact layer that killed the dinosaurs to determine how they formed on the asteroid and how old the impact is.

- **Partnership with District 11**

Mitchell and District 11 are implementing a new strategy to include the creation of the Mitchell Promise, which pledges two years of free college tuition at Pikes Peak State College for qualifying graduates who maintain a certain GPA.

[Colorado Springs District 11 projects half of low-performing schools will escape state watch list](#)

- **Media For Career Advance Colorado TV and Radio**

Media

['Career Advance Colorado' brings free tuition to select programs at 19 state colleges this fall](#)

[Looking for a career change, this program will help you financially and technically get there.](#)

[Pikes Peak State College to participate in the Career Advance Colorado Program Zero-cost training for in-demand jobs through Career Advance Colorado at Pikes Peak State College](#)

[How you can get a free college degree in Colorado, tuition and books covered](#)

Radio

Featured on 6 local radio stations including 1 Spanish Local Radio station, Tigre FM, and statewide media on Colorado Public Radio

REDEFINE OUR VALUE PROPOSITION THROUGH ACCESSIBILITY, AFFORDABILITY, QUALITY, ACCOUNTABILITY, RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- **The Gazette's Best of the Springs**

Pikes Peak State College was awarded the following by voters:

GOLD for associate degree category.

According to one voter, the college "has really upped their game." Another called PPSC a "real haven of learning for the military component of our community."

SILVER for continuing education category.

- **Avian Conversation**

Avian Conversation students in the Zoo Keep Technology program recently cleaned up a lot of trash along Fountain Creek. Instructor Jenya Fox said, "There is so much more to do but we were happy to make a dent in the trash and help make our waterways a little cleaner for wildlife!"

