



## **SBCCOE Report – November 2021 Dr. Lance Bolton, President**

### **TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

- **PPCC in the News: KKTV-Colorado needs trades workers...**

Pikes Peak Community College made an appearance in Colorado Springs' local news outlet, KKTV, in an article that highlights PPCC's construction trades programs and the need for trades workers in general.

PPCC's own trades program director, Dave Frankmore, is quoted in the article saying, "We have contractors on a regular basis getting in contact with us, basically begging for students." Within the past five years, PPCC's trades programs have "exploded in growth," with about 80 students currently enrolled as opposed to about 30 when the programs began.

Chelsy Harris, PPCC's Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, explained to KKTV that because the demand is so high for trades workers in Colorado Springs, "learning trades skills through PPCC is now essentially customizable to any student's needs."

The article concludes with the statement that PPCC "offers the ability to obtain industry standard certifications while taking classes, so students are ready to be hired on upon graduation."

To read the full article, click [here](#).

- **The PPCC Theatre Department presents: ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES, Sept. 9-11**

Pikes Peak Community College Theatre Department presents performances from a different point of view: ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES, a collection of original works.

Written, performed, and directed by former and current PPCC students and faculty, ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES is a collection of monologues from your favorite myths or well-known stories, but told from another, unexpected point of view. Encounter Peter Pan's shadow, a statue in Medusa's Garden, Medea on a dating site, and several other unconventional narrators of stories you thought you knew. This collection represents some of the best of PPCC Theatre Department past, present, and future, and performed in the great outdoors behind the gorgeous new Studio West building. An alternative venue, if you will.

In addition to doing a live performance, we are offering a stream-able virtual experience, to be released simultaneously. This way students and supporters from all over the country can share the experience with us, no matter their distance or ability to join in person. Find this performance (starting 9/9/2021) and others at <http://www.stillmovingcollaboration.com/theatre>

**Live performances in person:**

Thursday, Sept 9th 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday, Sept 10th, 7:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, Sept 11th, 7:00–9:00 pm

**Cost:**

FREE and open to the public

We are collecting cash donations and non-perishable food/toiletries for the PPCC Food Pantry.

**Location:**

Pikes Peak Community College, Downtown Studio Campus

Behind Studio West Building

22 North Sierra Madre St.

(Look for the mural called THE CROWD, full of green and yellow faces, follow the gravel pathway to the back parking lot).

*Karen Kovaly, Communications Coordinator, Marketing and Communication*

- **2021-2022 Faculty Scholar's Scholarship winners announced!**

Congratulations to the 2021–22 Faculty Scholars' Scholarship winners: Brenton Keaton and Sita Regmi Pathak. Our Faculty Scholars' Scholarship provides a \$3,000 award to each winner and is funded entirely by donations from our generous PPCC faculty.

Please check out the videos below where the winners share their stories and dreams.

Interview with scholarship winner [Brenton Keane](#)

Interview with scholarship winner [Sita Regmi Pathak](#)

- **Student Life takes on Halloween!**

This October, Join Student Activities Board and Student Government in some Spooktacular events:

**Change Your Community**

Head to any Student Life office starting October 4th, 2021, until the end of the month and answer a compelling question each week with your spare change. All proceeds will go towards the Community Table to help a student in need.

**Inside the Mind of a Suspect**

See if you can figure out how the suspect thinks before the time runs out!  
Can you solve the mystery?

October 16th: Centennial Grove, 6PM-8PM

RSVP to save your spot [here](#).

PPCC.EDU/SAB for Virtual Participation.

**Candy Around the World**

Even candy has a story, can you guess theirs?

October 19: Downtown Front-Lobby, 11AM-1PM

October 20: Rampart Student Lounge, 11AM-1PM

October 21: Centennial Rotunda, 11AM-1PM

- **PPCC Theatre Department presents: THE FURIES, an adaptation of Aeschylus' ORESTEIA**

Fully masked in the Greek style, this thrilling adaptation tells of sacrifice, revenge, ancient curses, punishment, and the dawning of Athenian Law.

Our play opens with Orestes, accursed of gods, abhorred of heaven, dripping blood from his hands and holding a sword, freshly drawn. Dogging his every step are the Furies, a grisly band of harpies, sworn to punish those who spill family blood. Is Orestes guilty of his mother's murder, or is there more to his story? Is murder ever justified? You, the audience, will be recruited by the goddess Athena herself as jury to decide this case, with two different endings prepared based on your vote.

**Dates & Times:**

Thurs/Nov. 11 & Fri/Nov. 12, 7:00-8:30 pm

Sat/Nov. 13 & Sun/Nov. 14, 2:00-3:30 pm

Thurs/Nov. 18 & Fri/ Nov. 19, 7:00-8:30 pm

Sat/Nov. 20 & Sun/Nov. 21, 2:00-3:30 pm

**Location:**

Pikes Peak Community College

Downtown Studio Campus

Studio West, 22 North Sierra Madre St.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903



- **PPCC Students Win UCCS Ethics Case Competition!**

Congrats to students Jaycie Allen and Raiven Valdez, along with Faculty Advisor Carol Kurkowski, for taking 1st place for undergraduate two-year schools at the UCCS Ethics Case Competition. Students apply business knowledge, critical thinking, and principle-based ethical decision-making to real-world ethical situations.



*From left, Jaycie Allen & Raiven Valdez*

- **PPCC Cyber Club Competes in National Cyber League Team Game – and is considered the best in CO!**

The PPCC Cyber Club had three teams playing in this last weekend's National Cyber League Team Game. This is the final event of the Fall Season of NCL.

3,917 teams competed in this event - and our A-Team placed 61st. This puts them in the top 1.5% in the USA! Our B-Team placed 160th, which put them in the top 4%. Our C Team - which had only three competitors versus seven on the others - was 551st place - top 14%.

Our A-Team is considered the top team in the state – congratulations!

**Team A: TehCyberNoobs**

Nick Cawthon-Church

Ebisa Dundas

Robert Drone

Ethan Capehart

Jeremy Henry

Siddhu Tedla

Blaise Contino

**Team B: ShibalnuFTW**

Tyler Dobson

Jonathon McNutly

Vlad Vitmaer

Jason Watkins

Jill Magier

Aarathi Parmley

Graham Myers

**Team C: CyberKnights**

Deanna Gatta

Lindsey Reed

Isaac Hwang

*Terri Johnson, Assistant Professor/Facilitator, Division of Business, Public Service, and Social Science*

## TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **Welcoming New Faculty & Instructors to PPCC**

PPCC was happy to welcome new faculty & instructors at two events. The first one was our July 28 orientation for our instructors in High School Programs. Teaching in concurrent enrollment on the high school campus requires an early start & some specific information that HSP is able to provide, in addition to our usual trainings. (See *Figure 1*).

Then, on August 19, we were excited to again welcome new faculty and instructors to our New Faculty & Instructor Orientation. (See *Figure 2*) We heard from our President, Dr. Lance Bolton, along with presentations from areas like eLearning and the Learning Commons. It is always an engaging event. (See *Figure 3*). Dinner was a working meeting outdoors for our divisions. (See *Figures*

4 & 5). The evening ended with Nuts & Bolts of Technology, a chance for everyone to resolve issues related to email, D2L, and myPPCC.

When we support our new faculty & instructors, we support our students!



Figure 1: Orientation for high school instructors



Figure 2: NFIO Welcome Table



Figure 3: Faculty Resource Guide Activity



Figure 4: NPS Division Meeting



Figure 5: CHTS Division Meeting

*Karen Summerson, Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)*

- **Revive, Reunite, Reinspire: Professional Development Week Fall 2021**

PPCC is seeking to Transform Our Workforce Experience, and we are off to a great start this fall with our Professional Development Week (PDW), a unique blend of activities, both face-to-face and virtual.



Monday started with a virtual State of the Union address from Dr. Bolton. This was followed by a HIPs workshop, yoga, walk & talk, and workshops run in collaboration with the Expressive Arts Project. (See *Figure 1*).

Tuesday was a live movie premier, *American Exile*, from our keynote speaker, John Valadez. It was a reminder that we must be agents of change and agents of good conscious. In the afternoon we had a fair with cookie/strawberry decorating, LEGO, gardening, crisis dogs, and much more. And both Monday and Tuesday the day ended with Hawaiian Shave Ice & music. (See *Figures 2 & 3*).

The rest of the week had workshops run by our faculty and staff, and the week ended with a walk and talk opportunity with Dr. Bolton at Red Rocks Open Space. (See *Figure 4*).



*Figure 1: Printmaking*



*Figure 2: Hawaiian Shave Ice*



Figure 3: Decorating Strawberries; Robotics Demo



Figure 4: The Equity Project Workshop

*Karen Summerson, Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)*

- **PPCC in the News: Gazette- PPCC's Culinary Arts team helps TESSA raise money for domestic violence victims**

PPCC's Culinary Arts Team won this year's Pasta in the Park, TESSA's annual fundraising event. According to *Gazette* writer Linda Navarro:

For 29 years, Pasta in the Park has been a rite of the late-summer nonprofit fundraising scene. Teams with creative names, costumes and themes whip up pasta sauces to entice guests to sample and then vote...It's all in fun but with the serious purpose of benefiting TESSA, the nonprofit with programs to support victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

This year, the event raised more than \$100,000 for TESSA, and with 14 teams participating, it was truly a spectacle after a year of virtual events. PPCC's

Culinary Arts team called “Fans of Fusion” was named top sauce. The team was “headed by Pikes Peak Community College Culinary Arts Chair Richard Carpenter with instructor chef Heidi Block and student chef Angela McElroy. Helping out with the spicy Italian-Spanish sauce were instructor chefs Michael Paradiso and Gary Hino.” Sauce-making with a cause seems to be PPCC’s Culinary Arts team’s specialty!

Read the full article [here](#).



*Pasta in the Park winners: “Fans of Fusion”  
From left, Richard Carpenter, Angela McElroy, Heidi Block*

## **CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS**

- **Fire Science Program partners with CSFD to host a PR/Recruiting challenge with area hockey team**

This past August, members of PPCC’s BPS division teamed up with the Colorado Springs Fire Department to host a challenge for local hockey team, the U18 Colorado Springs Tigers. The goal of the Fire Science Program in this event was to increase the number of people having interest in the fire service, and to open eyes of the area youth to options they have after high school for education and career.

CSFD Fire Chief, Randy Royal, along with recruiter Jerome Lemmons were there to show support and speak on fire careers. Additionally, there were crews from Fire Stations 4 and 8 there to show the apparatus, gear, and equipment each Engine and Truck carry.

PPCC FST faculty members came up with a plan for 22 of the players doing a relay race for the selected events, but also exposure to each of the eight events that are done to complete the IAFF CPAT test. The goal was to have area high school teams get more exposure to the fire service with a team-atmosphere skills challenge using the CPAT course, and the day ended with all 22 players completing the CPAT, and in passing times!

The event was filmed and can be accessed [here](#).

PPCC's Fire Science Program plans to invite Colorado Springs area high school athletic programs out a few more times to get even more exposure to life after the playing days of high school athletics. Thanks to faculty members Jamie Gutschick, Keith Williams, Tim Renck, and Kris Johnson for supporting this event.

- **PPCC Celebrates National Hispanic Heritage Month in joint effort with the Colorado Springs Hispanic Business Council**

Saludos estudiantes, colegas, y comunidad de PPCC!

This month Pikes Peak Community College honors our Hispanic and Latino students, staff, and faculty. We thank you for many contributions you make to our college community and beyond.

Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 to October 15, is a time to pay tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have enriched our nation and society. We also honor the contributions of Latinos who inspire others to achieve success.

¡Celebra!

To mark this important month, PPCC will join with the Colorado Springs Hispanic Business Council on September 28th to learn from and support the priorities of the Hispanic community in Colorado Springs.

Additionally, we share this video of our [own Latino voces!](#)

¡Disfruta el mes de la Herencia Hispana!

*Jo Ellen Becco and Robin Schofield, Directors of High Impact Practices | Tiko Hardy, Chief Diversity Officer*

- **Colorado Public Radio and Pikes Peak Community College Trade Colorado Springs Signals**

Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov 10, 2021 - Colorado Public Radio (CPR) and Pikes Peak Community College (PPCC) today announced they are trading signals in Colorado Springs. PPCC's radio station, KEPC, will now change its call letters to KXRE and air on 102.1 FM and 1490 AM, while Indie 102.3, the independent music discovery station from CPR, will air on 89.7 FM in Colorado Springs and 93.3 FM in Pueblo. The switch will go live in early 2022.

"Indie 102.3 began broadcasting in Colorado Springs in April 2020 and has seen steady audience growth in the region," said CPR President and CEO Stewart Vanderwilt. "We're excited to expand its reach through this trade while also establishing a paid internship program for students from Pikes Peak Community College."

As part of the agreement, PPCC students will have the opportunity to intern with KRCC, the southern Colorado news station operated by CPR.

"This trade represents a win-win for CPR and our students," said PPCC President Lance Bolton. "CPR gets a stronger signal, and our students get new internship opportunities at KRCC. Meanwhile, the college's station, now called Xtra Music 102.1, will continue to play the maximum variety of tunes that our campus community loves."

In addition, CPR and KRCC will also provide engineering assistance to PPCC's tower and infrastructure.

Until the trade is complete, both stations will continue to be available at their current FM and AM signals. Additionally, both stations are available to stream online from their respective websites ([PPCC/Xtra](#), [Indie 102.3](#)) or via smart speakers.

- **PPCC's Career Start students collaborate between programs: Culinary Arts vs. Zoology**

PPCC's Career Start students in different divisional programs got the chance to collaborate and learn from one another.

The collaborators consisted of Culinary Arts and Zoology students. Yes, there was a finger cut and a tray of cupcakes that fell on the ground, but all was good in the end!

The Culinary Arts students gave presentations on nutrition, kitchen safety and food safety for people and zoo animals. Knife sharpening and knife cut demonstrations – how to use the cuts for people and animals. Next was an opportunity to decorate animal cupcakes and leave with a boxed lunch.

The Zoology students took the Culinary Arts students to the zoo. They gave presentations about behaviors and diets of certain animals and also learned about the new additions to the zoo, then fed the giraffes up close away from the general public.

This experience was unique for PPCC's Career Start students and may create a pathway for collaborations across campus in the future.

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

- **Dr. Bolton addresses student questions and concerns in townhall meeting**

On Wednesday, September 8, all PPCC students were invited to a townhall with President Lance Bolton via Facebook Live to discuss questions and concerns regarding Covid. Dr. Bolton addressed students about this in the letter below:

### ***WELCOME STUDENTS!***

*I've said and wrote that so many times before, but it's never carried more weight, more relief, more joy than it has these past few days.*

*It's been over a year since students filled these hallways, and the reminder of how many people we serve is so invigorating and inspiring. Thank you for*

*entrusting us with your goals and dreams. Our instructors, advisors, coaches, counselors, tutors, facilities staff, and the rest of the PPCC team are committed to making your time here worth it, helping you get where you want to go in life. In fact, we've hired more advisors and other support staff than ever before.*

*You may have heard the line, "Students Succeed at PPCC." It's more than a tagline. It's our mission. It's the reason we're here. I think you'll find that in your classrooms, working with instructors who are truly invested in your success, and in your advising sessions, working with experts who can help you craft a clear roadmap to your degree or certificate.*

*I realize that the pandemic continues to force us to make compromises. We all hate wearing masks. We can't breathe as well. We can't see the full expressions of those around us. But I'm so grateful for the wonderful compliance I'm seeing to this mandate. Thank you for that. I also appreciate all of you who came onto campus fully vaccinated as well as those of you are taking advantage of our incentives and our free vaccine clinics.*

*If you have any symptoms, please, please, please stay home. Also, [please fill out this report](#) so our Covid team can stay on top of things.*

*No doubt you have questions. Curiosity is the mark of an engaged student. That's why I'm planning a Student Town Hall at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8 on Facebook Live. [Just go to this link and leave questions in the comment field.](#) I hope to see you there.*

*Lance Bolton, Ph.D.  
President, Pikes Peak Community College*

- **Fall 2021 Creek Cleanup brought to you by the Office of Sustainability**

PPCC students were invited to the annual fall Creek Cleanup event on Saturday, October 2. Hosted by the [Office of Sustainability](#), the Creek Cleanup event includes picking up litter along PPCC's adopted portion of Monument Creek.

Thank you to those who participated in keeping our waterways clean, which sustains a healthy ecosystem, encourages outdoor activities, and supports the outdoor recreation industry!



- **PPCC Hosts “Lunch with Leadership” Hybrid Event**

On Thursday, October 14, students, faculty, and staff were invited to join PPCC’s Executive Leadership team for a lunchtime panel. Attendees were encouraged to ask any questions they may have had about their PPCC experience directly to a member of leadership.

The event was held at PPCC’s Centennial campus, while livestreamed at the Downtown and Rampart Range Campuses, and was available for virtual attendees via Zoom. A sandwich box lunch from Jersey Mike’s was offered after the session for in-person attendees.

- **Get Tested or Get Vaccinated**

**All on-campus PPCC students and employees must undergo weekly testing or be fully vaccinated.** This system-wide COVID-19 testing protocol announced Thursday by Joe Garcia, chancellor of the Colorado Community College System, is being implemented for the safety of our campus community.

PPCC President Lance Bolton said he believes it could save lives.



“As we head into winter, when the Delta variant could reach its peak, the choices we make will have profound consequences, in some cases life or death consequences,” he said. “We do this to protect the health of our community as well as our ability to teach in person.”

**Compliance deadline will be Dec. 16 for employees and Jan. 17 for students.**

Students and employees will continue to get \$100 gift cards for getting fully vaccinated. The mask requirement for all public indoor spaces will continue to be in effect.

Registration for the spring semester begins Oct. 25, and students have choices of taking classes in person, online, hybrid or hyflex (which give flexibility to be in class or remote).

Details about how the new protocols will be managed are still taking shape, but you can find additional information at [ppcc.edu/covid](http://ppcc.edu/covid). As always, those who are experiencing Covid symptoms must remain off campus and fill out the form on that web page.

*Have questions?*

Please join PPCC President Bolton and your Student Government President Jalen Johnson 4 pm Monday, October 11 for a Facebook Live Student Town Hall at [Facebook/PPCCedu](https://www.facebook.com/PPCCedu).

- **Wonderful grant news for PPCC / Pikes Peak Region**

In an effort to fuel the Pikes Peak region's economic recovery and support those who faced profound financial challenges during the pandemic, the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative is giving Pikes Peak Community College and PPCC Foundation two grants totaling \$4.6 million from COSI that are being augmented by \$900k of federal funds for a total investment of \$5.5 million.

“Over the next five years, these PPCC programs will support nearly 1,500 Pikes Peak region residents to skill, reskill, or upskill in high-demand fields like healthcare, education and information technology,” said Sen. Paul Lundeen, a member of the Colorado Senate Education Committee. “The shortage of

available workers is a serious drag on our industries and businesses – and ultimately on the economic success of our region.”

The largest of the grants, \$3.7 million, is for the Finish What You Started Scholarship. As the name suggests, scholarships will go to adult Colorado residents who nearly completed college, with at least 30 credit hours but haven't achieved a degree. Participating students will receive \$1,250 per semester to fund direct educational expenses and will work with student success coaches to help them in their academic journey. There is also funding for forgiveness of PPCC debt and other one-time expenses related to enrolling.

COSI's Back to Work grant to the PPCC Foundation invests \$850,000 over three years, and comes along side \$900,000 in federal funds, for a total of \$1.75 million of student-oriented funds. It supports Coloradans displaced by the COVID-19 pandemic, including those laid off or furloughed, who experienced decreased earnings, had job offers rescinded, or could not enter the workforce because of adverse economic conditions.

These workers have an incentive to learn new skills and/or complete industry-recognized credentials to improve economic prospects for themselves and their communities. The scholarships will focus on lifting low-income state residents (age 25 or older) who are pursuing degrees and certificates aligned with the greatest workforce needs of our region, with an emphasis on healthcare, education, and information technology. The degrees and certificates to be supported are aligned with Colorado's Top Jobs (<https://www.coloradotalentdashboard.com/supply-and-demand-match/>).

PPCC finds such alignment with the goals to grow our workforce; it will add \$900,000 of federal relief funds from the American Recovery Plan Act of 2021 to the effort. Participating students will receive \$1,500 per semester to fund direct educational expenses as well as work with student success coaches to help them in their academic journey.

“We were honored to work with the Governor's Office and State Legislature to help Colorado come back stronger through higher education,” said Dr. Cynthia Armendariz, COSI's senior program director and operations officer. “The COVID-19 pandemic caused significant economic stress to individuals and businesses. Back to Work and Finish What You Started provide clearly-defined pathways to greater economic security and earning power.”

*Dr. Lance Bolton, President, Pikes Peak Community College*

- **Veterans Day Activities - November 2021**

Mark your calendars as PPCC will be celebrating Veterans with the following scheduled events:

**American Warrior Initiative (AWI) annual fundraiser support – NOW**

AWI is having their annual fundraiser in which 100% of the proceeds go back to Veterans. Last year PPCC was the beneficiary of \$40,000 that went directly to scholarships for our active military and veteran students!!! Supporting this fundraiser again this year means you are directly supporting PPCCs military and veteran community.

**PPCC is publishing the 2nd Edition of the *SITREP* Magazine for Veteran's Day 2021**

*SITREP* is PPCC's literary arts journal. Showcase your poetry, photography, fiction, non-fiction, and other creative works. All submissions are welcome whether you are military or veteran affiliated or not.

**Colorado Women's Hall of Fame – November 8-11, 2021**

View this display of Colorado Women who have made a significant impact to the state, nation, and world. You can view and listen to the voices of these great Americans in the breezeway next to the Atrium and the F Building on the Centennial campus.

**PPCC Veterans Day Presentation Series – November 9th at 1:30pm at the Rampart Campus**

Come listen to veterans and others talk about their experiences. The focus this year is on the 30th Anniversary of the First Gulf War.

**Mobile Vet Clinic – November 10th from 10am to 2pm**

The Mobile Vet Center from the Veterans Center in Pueblo will be here to provide information and support for our college veterans. Whether you are a veteran or not, stop by the mobile vet center as it will be parked outside the Atrium on our Cent and learn about veteran benefit information at the state and national level.

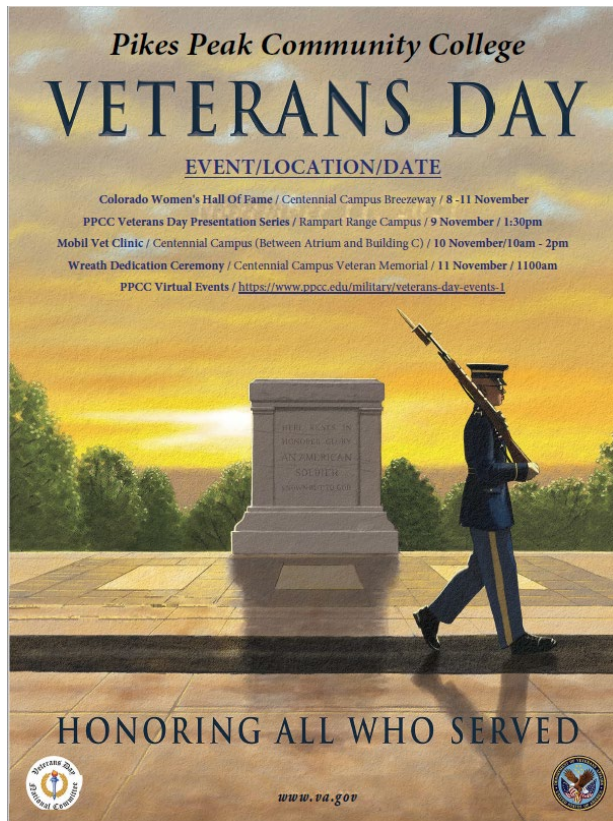
**Wreath Laying Ceremony – November 11 at 11am**

Our traditional wreath laying ceremony put on by PPCC's Student Veteran Organization will take place on Veterans Day, November 11th at 11am at the PPCC War/Veteran Memorial on the Centennial Campus.

**Visit PPCC's Veterans Day Virtual Celebration – November 8-12**

You can virtually visit museums and other see other virtual events on [PPCC's Veterans Day webpage](#) dedicated to this day.

So, mark your calendars and take advantage of PPCC's Veterans Day programming.



*Paul DeCecco, Director, Military and Veterans Programs*