



College Report – Dec. 13, 2023

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Transform the student experience

Season of giving – PCC employees and students, PCC Foundation employees and community members collected Thanksgiving baskets for the college's annual food drive. More than 400 donated meals were given to students at PCC campuses and sites. On the Pueblo campus, 335 baskets were collected with the foundation contributing 153 of them. The Business & Advanced Technology/Academic Success division supplied the most among campus departments with 75 meals.

In addition to the Thanksgiving drive, Pueblo campus employees donated to the annual Angel Tree project to help students purchase Christmas toys for their children.



Cosmetology students are a cut above – PCC cosmetology students offered free haircuts to the Pueblo community throughout the month of November. How great was the response through social media and word of mouth? Through Nov. 27, students provided more than 200 haircuts. Not only did the campaign provide a free service for community members, but Department Chair Michele Edwards also said it was a huge boost for students' skills. In addition to cutting lots of hair, students continued to provide the salon's other public services, including hair coloring, facials, manicures and pedicures.

Parade of Lights – President Erjavec was the honorary parade marshal for the 33rd Pueblo Parade of Lights and rode in a car at the front of the parade. Members of PCC's Associated Student Government and Student Life also participated by creating a float that matched this year's theme, Winter Holidays Around the World.



Transform our own workforce experience

PCC names new VP of academic support – Jennifer Sherman was named PCC’s new vice president of academic support and began the role Dec. 1. Sherman started her career with PCC in 1995 as a marketing specialist. From 2003-2012, she was a department chair and faculty member, teaching communications and business classes. She became Dean of Business and Advanced Technology in 2012.

“In her new role, I am confident that Jenny will bring collaboration and creative problem-solving, will work to develop genuine and trusted relationships across the entire college, and will bring much-needed stability to our institution as the college prepares to welcome its next president,” said President Erjavec.



Create education without barriers through partnerships

Clubs help Toys for Tots – PCC’s STEM, Veterans and Business clubs helped the Pueblo Fire Department, Pueblo Police Department and Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office with the annual Toys for Tots holiday drive by hosting a toy drop-off on campus. STEM Club members will adapt some of the donated items for children who have unrefined motor skills. The club [began the project last spring](#).



Capital Development Committee visit – Members of the Colorado State Legislature’s Capital Development Committee – Rep. Tammy Story, Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, Sen. Cleave Simpson, Rep. Mandy Lindsay and Sen. Kyle Mullica – visited the Pueblo campus Oct. 27 to learn about PCC’s current and future capital needs. The group toured our expanded welding lab and the current dental hygiene program renovation project in the Health Sciences building. Linda Blasi, director of the dental hygiene program, and Catlin Davis, welding program manager, shared information about their programs and discussed how these capital development projects help students. The legislators were able to see the meaningful impact their committee’s funding has on PCC students and instructors.



Raise value standards through excellence & accessibility

Horror on the Hoag – Approximately 600 people visited the Pueblo campus for Horror on the Hoag, a family-friendly Halloween event put on by PCC’s Associated Student

Government and Student Life. There were treats, games, and information about college programs and clubs. A fun time was had by all!



First-generation celebration – Trio Student Support Services and the Title V OPTICA grant team hosted an on-campus event Nov. 8 for National First-generation Celebration Day. After hearing the stories of some of PCC's own first-generation students and employees, first-gen students and employees took a group photo and enjoyed a great breakfast. Students were also able to speak with representatives of some of our clubs and support services.



Telling the PCC story – An [updated viewbook](#) gives prospective students a condensed version of PCC's story – who the college serves, what it offers and how to become a student. It also features the stories of two PCC students and their journeys toward higher education.