



SBCOE Report – December 2023

Dr. Lance Bolton, President

TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **Native American Student Lunch & Panel**

On Tuesday, November 28, Dr. Enrique Romo, VP of Student Experience, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion along with President Bolton hosted a lunch to meet with Native American students to hear about their experience and discuss our proposed Native American Scholarship.

- **LGBTQIA+ Club Meet & Greet**

On November 16, Dr. Enrique Romo held a contest to name the club and invited students and employees to join in with their most creative ideas. The meeting was held in person and virtually.

- **Global Village: Mental Health Awareness & Resources**

Students and employees engaged in conversation with others who have diverse experiences and perspectives. They learned about inclusivity and developed cultural understanding across social differences with those around the world and right here.

- **Computer Music Class Movie Night**

Students presented their creations of video and music projects on the big screen. Popcorn and soda were served, and admission was free.

- **PPSC Theatre Department Presents: *John Proctor is the Villain***
 This touching and biting comedy revisits Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, and captures a generation in mid-transformation, running on pop music, optimism, and fury, writing their own coming-of-age story.
- **Choir & Voice Majors Concert**
 On Monday, November 20, the PPSC Singers performed new and exciting music and Voice Majors performed a variety of solo music ranging from Classical to Music Theatre.
- **Jazz Combo, Guitar & Percussion Concert**
 On Tuesday, November 21 students presented an upbeat and energetic concert full of jazz standards, a variety of guitar solos, and ensembles with rousing percussionists.
- **Fall Student Music & Dance Performance**

Fall for Dance 2023 Showcase – Fri., Dec. 1 & Sat., Dec. 2
 Featuring the PPSC student company, the High Altitude Dance Ensemble (HADE) performed choreography based on artwork including sculptures, poetry & prose. Dance students performed ballet, jazz, modern, tap & hip hop.

Opera Scenes – Mon., Dec. 4
 This performance featured solos and small ensembles singing opera arias and art songs from many music time periods.
- **13th Annual Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program**
 Eighteen teams and 51 students from southern Colorado colleges and universities competed in the 13th Annual Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program at the UCCS Ethics Case Competition. Congratulations to PPSC for

winning second place in the undergraduate two-year track category. The team included students Micaela Ortiz, Nicholas Jacobs, Bryce Kindall, and faculty advisor, Carol Kurkowski.

- **Geo Launchpad Program**

Eleven Colorado Community College students presented their internship research at the Geological Society of America Connects 2023 Meeting in Pennsylvania, thanks to the NSF grant "Geo Launchpad" which encourages students to explore the Geo-Sciences by pairing them with professionals conducting hands-on research.



- **Math Colloquium**

This seminar was held on Friday, November 17 providing a platform for students to present research projects they have worked on during the semester for their respective Math classes. Students in all levels of PPSC math courses participated.

TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE

- **[Pikes Peak State College launches new Veterinary Tech degree program](#)**

Pikes Peak State College is now accepting applications for its new Veterinary Technology degree program. The two-year program is set to launch in the spring semester and is designed to help meet the growing needs of the veterinary workforce.

- **American Advertising Federation Icon Awards**

PPSC Multimedia Graphic Design faculty & alumni were recognized at this fall's American Advertising Federation Icon Awards:

- Instructors: Betsy Tuma, Best Communication Design Teacher; Jesse Taylor, Best Designer; Angelina Pecoraro, Best UX Designer.
- Alumni: Rich Herrera, Anna Galindo, Brienna Sieck, and Stephanie Von Fange for Best In-House Agency: Space Foundation. Alumni Jake Cowdrey, Sheyenne McGhee, and Laura Shnar (also an instructor) for Design Shop: Neon Pig.

- **Best for Vets**

Pikes Peak State College has made the Best for Vets: Colleges ranking again for 2023 according to Military Times magazine. PPSC is the top ranked community college in the state.

- **Veteran Voices: Art gallery highlights veteran artwork in Colorado Springs**

Pikes Peak State College, along with Mt. Carmel Veteran Service Center, put together an art gallery comprised entirely of work from veterans in our community.

- **Pikes Peak State College celebrates Veterans Week**

Pikes Peak State College
VETERANS WEEK
November 6 – 10

FIELD OF FLAGS
On display Nov. 6-10 | All campuses

COLORADO WOMEN'S HALL OF FAME PHOTO DISPLAY
Honoring the accomplishments of CO women veterans. On display Nov. 6-10, CHES and Rampart Range Campus

MILITARY/VET PHOTO DISPLAY
On all campus tv monitors | Nov. 6-10

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY AND MARINES BIRTHDAY CAKE CUTTING
Nov. 10 | 11 am | Centennial Veterans Memorial (between Atrium & C Bldg.)

VETERANS' VOICES ART SHOW
Oct. 30-Nov. 22 | Reception Nov. 3 | 5-8 pm
Gallery at Studio West, more details below

SITREP
PPSC's literary arts magazine showcasing veteran's works | Nov. 6-10
View submissions on:
pikespeakparley.com/category/sitrep

PPSC VETERANS DAY PRESENTATION SERIES
Hear veterans and others discuss their experience during the first battle for Fallujah.
Nov. 9 | 1:30 pm | Rampart Range Campus

For up-to-date event info and the Virtual Celebration, visit pikespeak.edu/vetweek.

CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **Pikes Peak State College held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Joint Fire Academy:**

Thanks to a collaboration between Black Forest Fire Rescue, Monument Fire District and Pikes Peak State College, a new fire training academy will be able to graduate 15 fully certified firefighters in a four-month program.

[Tri-Lakes area fire departments, Pikes Peak State College, partner on new training academy.](#)

Savannah Eller, The Tribune

[Pikes Peak State College launches joint academy with local fire rescue districts](#)

Lauren Watson, KKTU

[Pooling Resources: The new Pikes Peak Regional Fire Academy](#)

Devan Karp, KOAA

[Pikes Peak State College & local firefighters open new fire academy](#)

Ivan Herrera, FOX21

- **CSU Pueblo @ PPSC FREE APPLICATION DAY**

Students received help applying to CSU Pueblo and received an application fee waiver code.

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

- **PPSC Appreciation Week**

Appreciation Week at Pikes Peak State College embodied a spirit of gratitude, recognizing the tireless efforts of faculty, instructors, and staff. This inaugural week, coinciding with World Kindness Week, was a pilot initiative aimed at fostering community spirit and acknowledging the invaluable contributions of our entire team.

- [**Springs Ensemble Theatre’s Midge and the Butcher’ explores transgender identity on stage**](#)

Matt Radcliffe, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications shared a recent story about his theatre company, Springs Ensemble Theatre (SET). They put a show called “Midge and the Butcher,” developed at PPSC by a local trans artist and PPSC alumni, Quinn Smola.

Nick Sullivan, The Gazette

- [**Pikes Peak Library District’s annual fiction writing contest, All Pikes Peak Writers**](#)

Congratulations to English Professor Brook Bhagat, whose short story Magic Chai tied for second place in the Pikes Peak Library District’s annual fiction writing contest, All Pikes Peak Writes! The story is dedicated to her father and will be published this fall in an anthology.

- [**Rising Star Award for National Council for Marketing & Public Relations \(NCMPR\) District 4**](#)

Congratulations to PPSC’s Marketing and Communication Department Videographer, Alex Cone for winning the Rising Star Award from NCMPR District 4.

- [**Local expert warns AI is making familiar holiday scams even more effective.**](#)

Dr. Dennis Natali at Pikes Peak State College warned consumers about what he calls the “12 Frauds of Christmas.”