



College Report – August 2021

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Transform the student experience

New website unveiled –After 18 months of consultation and student input, PCC recently launched a [redesigned website](#). The new site reflects the school's state-of-the-art program offerings, qualified and dedicated staff and stories of current students and alumni to help prospective students learn about PCC. One big addition is [Career Finder](#), a tool to help prospective students identify the programs that best suit their interests and goals.

DI team places second in global competition – Members of PCC's President's Leadership Program recently took second place in the university level technical challenge at the Destination Imagination Global Finals. Team members are Nina Leon, Stacy Comer, Josiah Blickhahn and Robyn Mossberg.

The team competed against groups from throughout the world. The challenge, titled Pandemic Defeat, required them to use engineering, research, strategic planning, time management, critical thinking, problem solving and leadership skills to complete the project.

The President's Leadership Program is led by Joey Mathews and Jeff Wingham.



Conquering Dreams scholarship – PCC received \$1,000,000 from the Pueblo County Excise Tax Grant to continue its Conquering Dreams scholarship for the 2021-22 academic year. Applicants must reside in Pueblo County and be enrolled at PCC. The money will be awarded in 10 categories: Return to Earn, CTE programs, non-Pell eligible students, upskilling, Pueblo Corporate College construction skills, Pueblo Corporate College ophthalmic pre-apprenticeship, Advanced Manufacturing, concurrent

enrollment students, Office of Recruitment student assistance and pre-college programs.

PantherFest enrollment event – PCC held PantherFest, an enrollment event for continuing and new students, on July 31. It was an opportunity for students to register for the fall semester and meet with representatives of PCC programs, support services and clubs. Students and their friends and families enjoyed music, games and food during the event.

Grant helps with new Virtual Simulation Studio – For the second year, PCC received a \$350,000 Perkins Innovation Grant to help with completion of the Virtual Simulation Studio at the Nursing and Allied Health Teaching and Learning Center on the campus of St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center.

Phase Two of the VSS project will focus on purchasing equipment and resource materials needed to develop multiple simulation scenarios, recording of skill competencies, and applied anatomy and physiology for health care students. At least one non-health scenario will be added; the first will involve a collaboration with PCC's Law Enforcement Academy. The use of the VSS will allow LEA students learn to work collaboratively with other disciplines, de-escalate situations and perform in a safe environment that will help them develop the skills necessary to conduct law enforcement operations safely and properly throughout their careers.

This collaboration among the nursing, allied health, mental health and law enforcement students during their time at PCC will improve every students' preparation for the workforce.

Machining Technology program contributes – The PCC Machining Technology program, led by Gregg White and Wayne Schwarze, designed and produced 525 custom commemorative coins for the 40th anniversary celebration of the Pueblo Economic Development Corporation. The coins were given to PEDCO members.



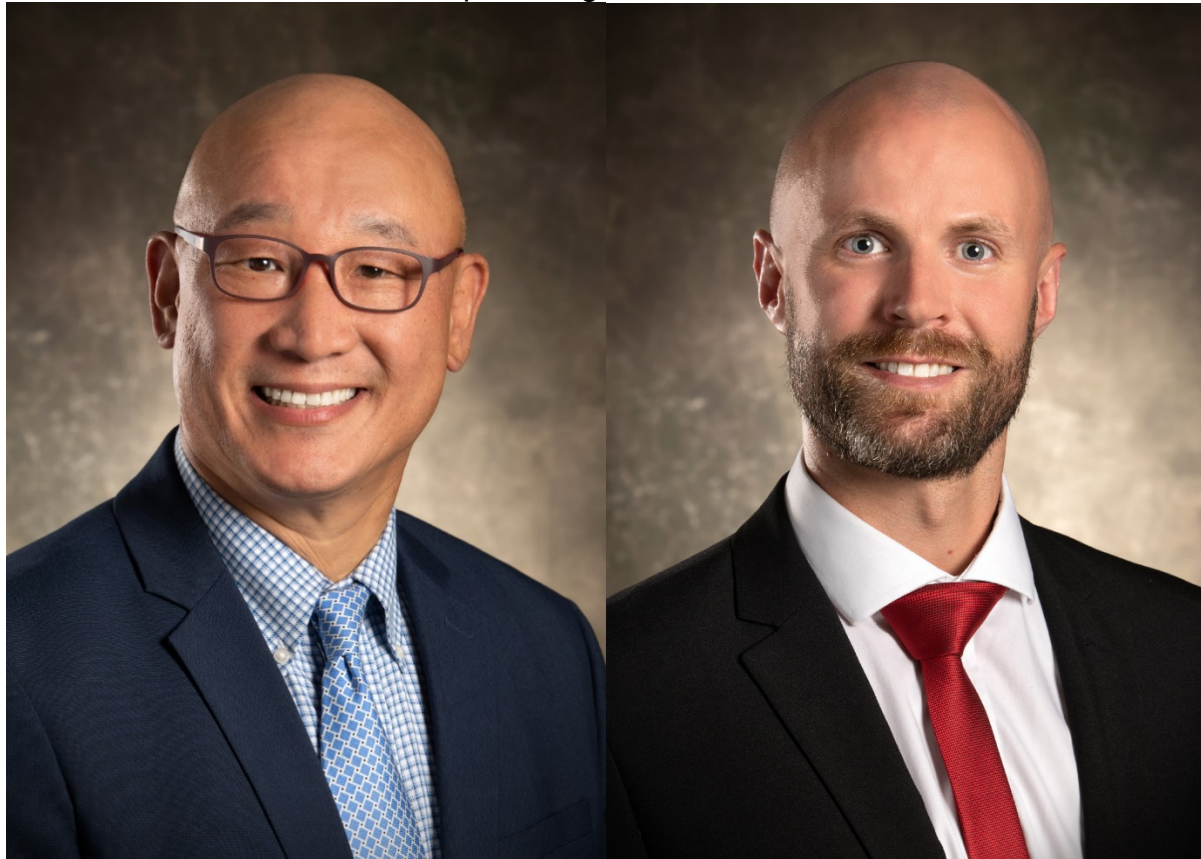
Transform our own workforce experience

New deans introduced – PCC welcomed two new deans on July 1. Dr. Young Kim is the new dean of arts and sciences and Dr. Andrew Miller is the dean of health professions and public safety.

Kim has been on the faculty of the University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind., since 2004. Since 2019, he has served as chair of the department of law, politics and society and he has been director of the school's international studies program since 2013. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in political science and diplomacy from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, Korea. He earned his Ph.D. in political science and international relations from Texas Tech University in 2003.

Since 2015, Miller has worked at Graceland University in Lamoni, Iowa, holding numerous positions as a professor and administrator. He holds multiple professional certifications including athletic trainer, performance enhancement specialist, first aid and CPR/AED professional rescuer and American Red Cross instructor.

A community college graduate, Miller received his bachelor's degree in athletic training from William Woods University in 2013 and a master's in teaching in 2015 from Columbia College in Missouri. He recently earned his Doctor of Health Sciences degree with a concentration in leadership and organizational behavior from A. T. Still University.



Culinary faculty earn certification – Culinary Arts faculty members Mo Montgomery, John Jakeman and Ed Tracey all recently passed their Certified Executive Chef exam with the American Culinary Federation. The certification is an important strategy as they reimagine PCC's Culinary Arts program, a key strategic imperative for PCC in FY22.

Create education without barriers through partnerships

Partnership boosts cybersecurity program – PCC has established a three-year philanthropic partnership with Security Innovation, a leading authority in software security assessment and training, which will allow PCC students access to the latest in cybersecurity software training and technology.

Boston-based Security Innovation is a pioneer in the software security industry with clients such as Microsoft, Disney, Verizon and Target. The company will provide, at no cost to PCC, an extensive catalog of computer-based training and innovative, hands-on web application cyber ranges that address today's most pressing software security issues. Because all of the Security Innovation training resources are online, students at all PCC locations – Pueblo, Cañon City, Mancos, Durango and Bayfield – will be able to utilize them.

"This partnership impacts the nuts and bolts of our cybersecurity curriculum. It would take us years to build what they are offering us," said Jennifer Sherman, dean of PCC's business and advanced technology division. "By allowing us to use their courseware and cyber ranges, we're able to train to the current industry standard."

ECMC partnership for remote live tutoring – A partnership with the Educational Credit Management Corporation will provide PCC students with free access to live remote tutoring through Revolution Prep's Homework Help program. Students will be able to get help seven days a week from professional tutors.

Raise value standards through excellence & accessibility

Reaching a new PEAK – President Patty Erjavec announced the official launch of PCC's Place for Enrichment and Academic Knowledge on July 28. The PEAK will be a catalyst for adult learning and economic development throughout Southern Colorado, offering meeting space, training, technology and other necessities for organizations' education-related events.

Branch campus newsletters – The [Fremont](#) and [Southwest](#) campuses are helping keep all of PCC's communities informed by sending out their own electronic newsletters. The publications include student news, staff features, classes offered and other helpful information.