



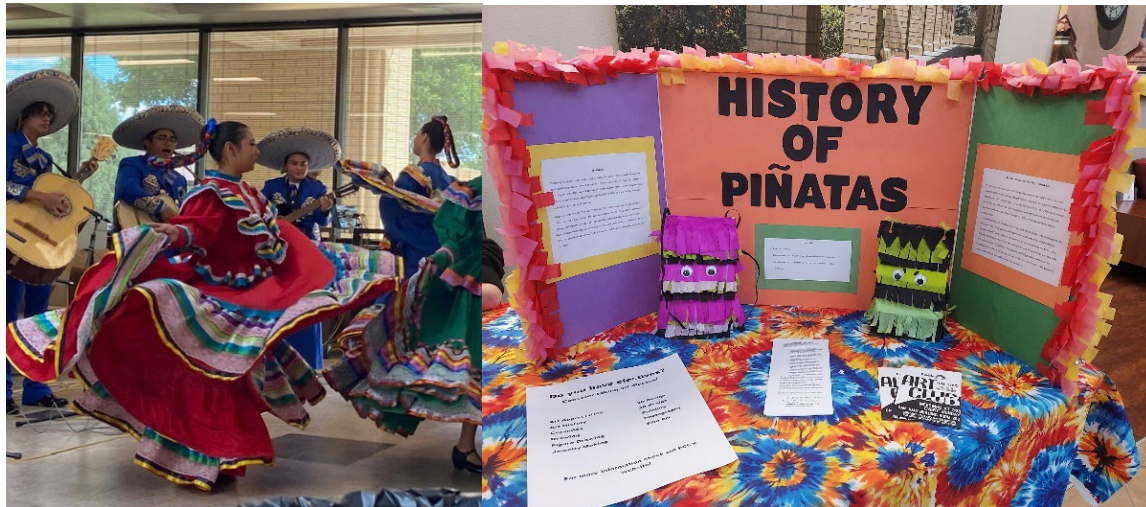
College Report – Oct. 12, 2022

Patty Erjavec, PhD, *President*

Transform the student experience

HSI Week – PCC celebrated Hispanic-Serving Institution Week (Sept. 12-18) with multiple events. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed piñata making, a resource fair and a celebration of *El Movimiento*, PCC's on-campus exhibit chronicling the history of the Chicano movement in Colorado and Pueblo. Students in the mariachi and folklorico groups from Chavez Huerta K-12 Preparatory Academy provided entertainment during the festivities.

PCC has been an HSI for more than 30 years and originally was one of only two in Colorado.



Transform our own workforce experience

PCC 2022-23 ethics champions – Beth Almanza, faculty/coordinator for Medical Imaging, and Angela Brubaker, CTE program coordinator, are the 2022-23 Daniels Fund ethics champions for PCC. Ethics champions “represent two- and four-year colleges from the Southern Colorado Ethics Consortium and work to expand principled-based ethics education throughout their campus and regional community,” according to an [article in the UCCS Communiqué](#). They work with the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative Collegiate Program at the UCCS College of Business to share resources and initiatives with educators throughout southern Colorado.

This is Brubaker's first year with the program; Almanza will be serving her second year.

Create education without barriers through partnerships

Visit to South Korea – PCC President Dr. Patty Erjavec and Dean of Arts and Sciences Young Kim traveled to South Korea with representatives of Seoul-based CS Wind and Pueblo city officials to learn more about opportunities to collaborate on education and workforce development. Erjavec signed a memorandum of understanding with Lee Jang-ho, president of Kunsan National University, to provide exchange opportunities for students and faculty.

CS Wind recently purchased from Vestas its wind tower production facility, located in Pueblo. CS Wind plans to significantly expand its tower production and is committed to collaborating with PCC to build an even stronger pipeline of welders and other skilled workers for the Pueblo plant.



CEO summit – PCC hosted a virtual CEO Summit Sept. 15 with business leaders from throughout the school’s service area. Staff presented information about the many ways PCC can help businesses, including apprenticeships, stackable credentials, P-Tech programs and customizable training.

Hispanic Heritage Month events – PCC’s Title V OPTICA grant team hosted a Sept. 20 webinar watch party for GlobalMindED’s equity event, *Courageous Conversations: What is Hispanic Heritage Month and What Does it Mean for Equity, Justice, Opportunity, and Culture?* Students, faculty and staff from all PCC campuses were able to take part.

In addition, the contributions and achievements of Hispanic leaders and innovators were highlighted on posters placed throughout the Pueblo campus.

Banned Books Week event – In recognition of Banned Books Week, the PCC Library and the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee hosted the

Webex presentation *Shut Up! Censorship as Common Cause* Sept. 22 for students, faculty and staff. Guest speaker [James LaRue](#) discussed the recent surge in political and academic attempts to remove books from libraries. In addition to being a longtime library director in Colorado, LaRue is the author of "The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges" and the former director of the Freedom to Read Foundation and the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

Raise value standards through excellence & accessibility

PCC employee honored by city council – Scott Richards, the leader of PCC's Center for New Media, was honored Sept. 26 by Pueblo City Council. Richards, who passed away in June, produced countless events and meetings for the City of Pueblo and other community organizations over the past 30 years, including live broadcasts of every city council meeting – all in addition to his daily responsibilities at the college.

Sept. 26 was proclaimed Scott A. Richards Day and the broadcast room at city hall was dedicated as the Scott A. Richards Broadcast Room. Lee Truan and Ryan Sandoval (shown below) are two of Scott's broadcast team members whose dedication has enabled CNM to continue operating and kept city council meetings on the air.

