

**SBCCOE Report – April 2023**  
**Dr. Lance Bolton, President**

**TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

- **The "Race"**

- Mouse Trap Cars
- Five Groups
- Three categories: Speed, distance, and accuracy (exact distance of 12 feet)

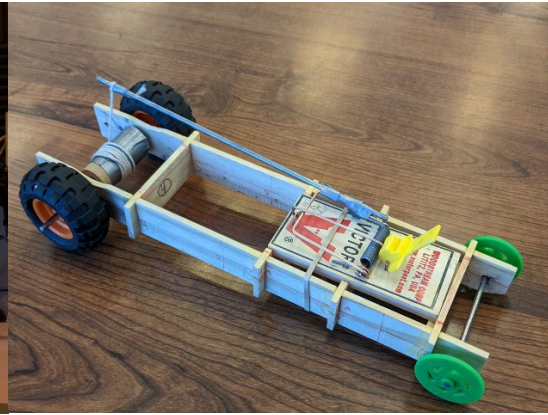
On Feb. 8th, we demonstrated our mouse trap cars from 5 groups. The "race" included three categories: speed, distance, and accuracy (exact distance of 12 feet). The winner of the speed competition was Andrew Gossenauer from Group 5. The distance winner was Garrett Reinsh from Group 4. The accuracy winner was Cade Jones also from Group 5. All groups participated with well-designed cars. We had a lot of fun and learned a great deal about mechanical advantages and the conversion of potential energy to kinetic energy.

Dr. McKenna Lovejoy, Faculty/Tutor developed the shell for the course EGG1020 (Engineering Methodologies) as well as the mouse trap car lab. She has tutored me in teaching. I am a brand-new instructor who just retired after 44 years of professional mechanical engineering. I completed my BS and MS at the University of Utah and wanted to pursue my PhD and a teaching career but left academia for a high paying job opportunity in aerospace. Now, I finally have an opportunity to share my experience in the industry and teach engineering principles.

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Distance Winner



Speed Winner

- [Colorado law enforcement academy graduate inspired by fallen officer Eric Talley](#)



Sam Dunbar, right fist bumps with fellow graduating student James Gary during a graduation ceremony on Jan. 5. Dunbar was graduating from a program at Pikes Peak State College in Colorado Springs. He was sworn into the Woodland Park Police Department during the ceremony.

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- **Multimedia Graphic Design student Addy award winners.**

Congratulations to Multimedia Graphic Design student Addy award winners.

*Calee Parker* won a silver Addy for “integrated advertising consumer campaign.”

*Edgar Jimenez* won a silver Addy for “out of home campaign” and a gold “judges’ choice.”

*Rich Herrera* won a gold Addy for “out of home campaign” a gold “judges’ choice” and “best of show.”

- **Earthscope’s Geo-Launchpad Program**

Congratulations to biology major Kriste Grayson, who has been accepted to Earthscope’s Geo-Launchpad summer internship program to gain more research

experience for her continuing education. The Geo-launchpad program is specifically designed for Colorado, New Mexico, And Wyoming community college students.

- **National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) CORE Certification**

PPSC had a big day in Career Start Construction Class. Our students achieved and received the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) CORE Certification. This certificate is recognized from Portland Maine to Portland Oregon. CORE is the foundation certificate for all the building trade classes offered at Pikes Peak State. The steppingstone fits the electrical, masonry, carpentry, and plumbing programs.



## **TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE**

- **Financial Literacy Enthusiast Contest**

This contest will recognize two students who understand and promote financial literacy. Share your best financial advice. Entries must be creative and offer practical personal finance tips. Win a \$250 scholarship and have your message posted on PPSC's Social Media channels.

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- **Take One, Leave One**

Book swap for students, faculty, and staff to enjoy. Swap with others in a variety of genres and save on the cost of buying new books.

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

- **High School Programs Information Night**

Do you know a high school student who is looking to elevate their high school career? Join the high School Programs team throughout the semester in learning more about the Concurrent Enrollment program and taking courses at PPSC.

[Pikespeak.edu/hsp](https://pikespeak.edu/hsp)

- **Career Assessment Workshop**

It is okay to be unsure about your future career plans. This workshop will guide you through the Focus 2 Career assessment and provide insights into your interests, values and expectations of a career and walks you through suggested career options.

[Pikespeak.edu/career-services](https://pikespeak.edu/career-services)

- **Military Friendly School**

Pikes Peak State College once again has received the designation as a Military Friendly School, with a ranking of GOLD, for the 2023 – 2024 school year.



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

- **Guatemala: March 13 – April 21**

Guatemala: Our Culture is Our Resistance Gallery Exhibition

Artist Reception & Lecture

Experience this powerful art exhibit. Documentary photographer Jonathan Moller will talk about the struggles of the Guatemalan people and his artistic process.

Exhibition runs March 13 – April 21, Gallery at Study West, 22 N. Sierra Madre

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- **"White Rabbit, Red Rabbit" - March 13**

No rehearsal, no script, no director, and a different performer each time. This theatrical experiment is a potent reminder of the transformative power of theater.

- **Educational Salon: "Water by the Spoonful" – March 14**

Discussion of the play written by Quiara Alegria Hudes with faculty Dionne Howell, Jason Dias, Ryan Sandee, and Sarah McMahon and students Angelique Weston and Sadie Ward. There will be coffee. Stay until the end for the bicycle raffle giveaway.

- **Women's History Month Concert**

William Malone and Friends perform women composer's music.

William Malone with Gayle Grace, Abe Minzer, Shazia Ali, Carla Parmentier performs the music of Lera Auerbach, Yvonne Wu, Shih-Hui Chen, Lori Laitman and Fernande Ducreck. Composed for saxophone, voice, and piano.

- **Cultural Open Mic Night**

Cultural open mic is intended to create a space for students to express and appreciate their own and each other's culture through performance.

- **Student/Faculty Reading & Visiting Writers' Series: Poet Laureate**

- **Ashley Cornelius**

Reception, "Latinx Voices" art show, student and employee readings, Poet Laureate Ashley Cornelius, and book raffle. Co-sponsored by the PPSC English & Theatre Departments.

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- **Lion's Den Pitch Night**

A pitch competition similar to the ABC show *Shark Tank*. Eight student entrepreneurs from CC, UCCS, PPSC, and USAFA will pitch in hopes of winning 1 of 3 cash prizes (up to \$3,000.) The audience helps select the winners.

[UCCS team wins first place at Lion's Den Pitch Night](#) - *Abby Newell*

- **Mobile Food Market – March 20**

PPSC received over 4,000 lbs. of food from Care and Share that were distributed between Centennial and Rampart campuses. At Centennial there were 645 visitors and 138 visitors at Rampart.

Monday's Mobile Food Market at Centennial.



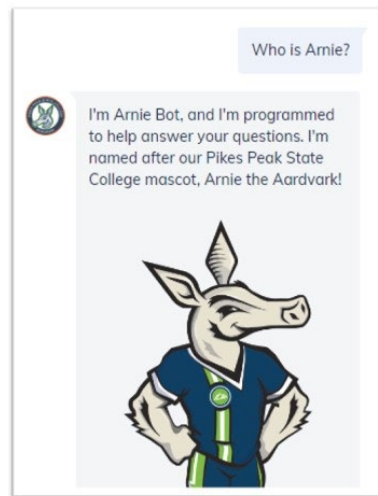
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- **Chat Bot**

In mid-March, PPSC implemented a chatbot from the company Gecko Engage which is also utilized at several other CCCS colleges. The chatbot is available on the college's homepage and high traffic sub-pages across the website. The goal of implementing a chatbot is for students to easily find answers to their common questions without needing to engage with a staff or faculty member at the college. Most students prefer to find information themselves when possible, and, as the college has reduced staffing, the chatbot can be a part of the solution to providing high levels of service in the future. When students can get answers to common questions from a chatbot without needing to wait for an email response from a staff member, traveling to campus, or waiting on hold in a call queue, students receive better service and staff are able to focus their time working with students on uncommon or complex issues.

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- **[Pikes Peak State College unveils new learning commons at downtown campus](#)**

Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers cuts the ribbon at Pikes Peak State College's unveiling of its new learning commons. The area will serve as a first-of-its-kind computer lab, study space and hangout area for students on campus.

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