

FEATURE



Q&A With PCC President Dr. Lance Bolton

SSJ: So, Dr. B, what are the big headlines for PCC this fall?

DR. B: The biggest headline is that we're back on campus. I know that a lot of our technical trades and medical classes never left, but now that the pandemic seems to be winding down, we're moving all our in-person classes back to campus.

SSJ: What about students who liked working remotely?

DR. B: Well, that's one of the positives that came out of the pandemic. Our instructors and our technical staff have really advanced our ability to serve up classes when and how students want them. Many of our classrooms are now outfitted with Hyflex capabilities, which means students can go in person or participate from home through remote video.

SSJ: Will everyone on campus have to wear masks? Do they need to be vaccinated?

DR. B: No, these choices will be left to students. We encourage everyone to be vaccinated, and we encourage everyone who hasn't been vaccinated

to wear a mask. But we're not getting into the business of enforcing that. Not our lane.

SSJ: Speaking of the pandemic, it certainly hurt our local workforce, and a lot of potential students put their dreams on hold, focusing on paying the bills. What's your message to them?

DR. B: Do not give up on building a better life. Continue your studies at PCC. We will support you with coaches, tutors and advisers to get you where you want to go. We'll help you with more financial aid than ever before.

SSJ: Any final thoughts?

DR. B: Just my thanks, to our amazing staff and faculty, who helped us evolve and thrive through the pandemic, and our students, whose grit and perseverance through these tough times inspired us all.

EVENTS

Th/July 1 Seed Bomb Workshop

Make seed bombs to increase your success in growing a native, low-maintenance, pollinator-friendly garden in infertile soil. Native plant gardens require few resources, have higher chances of thriving, and support the surrounding ecosystem. This workshop is brought to you by the Office of Sustainability and the Green Campus Fee. *Rampart Atrium | noon-2 pm*

Sat/July 3 Pet CPR First Aid

Learn how to perform CPR, the Heimlich maneuver and treat/recognize cardiovascular, respiratory, illnesses and trauma emergencies. This course is hands-on, informational, and appropriate for all ages.

Cost: \$35 per person. Open to community. Register online.

First Saturday of Every Month, Centennial Campus | 10 am-noon

Sat/July 10 Creek Cleanup

Help us pick up litter along our adopted portion of Monument Creek. We partner with Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup. Bring family and friends. *Learn more and register. Goose Gossage Park | 9 am-noon*

Sat/Jul 10 Success Saturday: TRIO Services

Students will learn how to apply to the TRIO program and learn about all the services that help you be successful at PCC and beyond. Meet Carrie Riffe, a TRIO staff member and ask your questions.

More info: Gabriela.Martinez@ppcc.edu Facebook Live | 3-3:45 pm

Sat/July 10 Success Saturday: Success Tools

Dre Guy is currently a Dakota Promise Coach and a recent graduate of PCC who will share his financial struggles and journey in achieving his degree. Dre will identify tools and resources for all PCC students to save money and reach realistic financial goals.

More info: Gabriela.Martinez@ppcc.edu Facebook Live | 4-4:45 pm

Mon/July 26-Wed/August 4 Economics Discussion Series

Join us for a series organized by students to bridge academic discussion with real world issues. Topics include: energy, the environment, healthcare, public education, small business, social media, the arts, immigration and more.

Learn more: Warren.Munick@ppcc.edu Webex | Mondays, Wednesdays, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Sat/July 31 COS 150 Downtown Celebration

Celebrate Colorado Springs' 150th Anniversary with a parade, music, food, and fun. PCC will be there with a booth with info and fun activities. *Learn more.*

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Horatio Alger Association is offering 500 scholarships up to \$2,500 each to students who have faced and overcome great obstacles in their lives who wish to pursue a career or technical education. *Deadline to apply for Fall 2021 awards: July 15, 2021. Learn more.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Jobs

Looking for a fall semester job, work study position, internship or volunteer work? Real-world experience will help you determine your interests and develop skills outside of the classroom. Create your Purple Briefcase account to start applying for positions now. New positions are being added daily. *Learn more: ppcc.edu/jobs*

Career Services

Whether you are undecided about your major or your career direction, or just want more information about your current job path, come see us. We can help guide you in the decision-making process. *Call us at (719) 502-2360 or email at career@ppcc.edu. Learn more: ppcc.edu/career-services*

Facebook Live Q and A

Throughout the summer, different departments of the college will answer your questions on topics important to you. *Check your student email for upcoming sessions and join us on Facebook Live.*

Have you been financially impacted by Covid?

If you lost a job, wages, had a reduction in income or other impacts, you may have options. *Set up an appointment* in Navigate with a skilled PCC Financial Aid Advisor to discuss your situation and find solutions. *Questions? financialaid@ppcc.edu or 719.502.3000*

Get Personalized Help for College Success

TRIO Student Support Services is now accepting applications for qualifying students. Get your own FREE personal college success coach, free private tutoring, career advising, transfer advising, access to resources, fun events and activities, and more. *Learn more: 719-502-3222 or Carrie.Riffie@ppcc.edu.*

Mental Health Support

As we end Pride Month and begin Minority Mental Health Awareness month, the Counseling Center staff recognizes how mental health challenges impact LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities and is here to support you and those you care about.

To schedule an appointment with one of our counselors, call 719-502-4782. More info: ppcc.edu/counseling-center

Covid-19 Testing

The PCC Rampart Range Campus testing site has relocated to Chapel Hills Mall. The new location will continue the same schedule with testing available seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. *Anyone interested in obtaining a COVID test can check the El Paso County Public Health website for additional locations.*

KUDOS

Pikes Peak Community College has been nationally ranked again as a "Best for Vets: Colleges 2021" by *Military Times* magazine.

PCC has won Silver in *The Colorado Springs Business Journal's* Best of Business 2021: Education/Career category.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

Monday, July 5

College closed. No Classes.