



President's Report
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Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.

- The Department of Military and Veterans Programs has been working with the Department of Distance Education to develop fully online degrees for military service members and their families. Over 75% of Ft. Carson soldiers enrolled in college courses are taking those courses online and over 70% of service members from all branches are taking their classes online. We have developed a new program, called Degrees at Ease, which offers students the option to earn a degree in Fire Science Technology, Business Transfer, Liberal Arts and Criminal Justice entirely online. We have also established stronger partnerships with the online schools that accept our credits to ensure that the service member is able to transfer his or her PPCC degree seamlessly over to a four year college.
- Enrollment Services has been contacting students who applied for college but had problems with Colorado residency to ensure that all appropriate steps have been taken to ensure if they met residency requirements that required documentation was submitted to support this and lower their tuition rate.

Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.

- The Department of Military and Veterans Programs works closely with the Army and Air Force and responds to their specific training needs. The most recent project that we completed to meet the Army's needs was AVOTEC – Army Vocational/Technical Education Program. This innovative program was designed to provide training in high-demand career fields to help soldiers find employment after they transition out of the Army. The program is open to all soldiers on active duty - to include National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended active duty. Army Continuing Education worked with technical and community colleges throughout the United States to build upon existing programs and develop new pilot re-training programs in high demand career occupations.

The program was announced January 15 and Army Education Centers and Soldier and Family Assistance Centers began assisting soldiers with enrollment beginning February 1. PPCC offered seven programs, with EMT and WEL offering more than one session. All of the programs offered were successful, and appealed to civilians as well, who were permitted to enroll. Overall, the college trained a little over 150 transitioning soldiers through this program.

- The PPCC Workforce and Economic Development Division is a part of the local Manufacturing Task Force and is continuing discussions with several local manufacturers regarding the use of State of Colorado training funds, application of Federal stimulus funds through the Pikes Peak Workforce Center, and participation in the grants that have been awarded to Pueblo Community College pertaining to the use of their mobile learning labs in El Paso and Teller Counties.

- The Department of Military and Veterans Programs has a wonderful working relationship with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE). We recently partnered with them to offer Information Technology classes to military spouses, through a grant funded program called WIT – Women in Technology. We are receiving twenty laptops from CDLE that will be available for military spouses to use to complete homework and/or online classes. Military spouses are a special population that is often underserved in the community. Ft. Carson spouses in particular have a greater chance of their spouses being deployed and must face the hardships that go along with that. Giving them the tools to succeed in college and in the work force is one way PPCC and CDLE have committed to that population.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.

- PPCC's High School Programs office coordinated an opportunity for area CTE instructors to meet with PPCC department chairs in CTE disciplines. The occasion allowed all faculty to review content and materials, our K-12 partners to better align curriculum and become aware of entry-level expectations of the post-secondary programs, and our PPCC faculty to connect with their secondary partners who can greatly assist in program recruitment. Students will ultimately benefit from this successful collaboration between PPCC and area high schools.

Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting-edge instruction and educational services.

- In an effort to reach more students, the Psychology Department has been working on an electronic advising presence. This consists of short video clips explaining the advising process, the recommended classes and transfer information to the student. This tool will reach the students at their convenience, allowing the student to get answers to the most frequently asked questions of our psychology advisors. We believe this will assist students in having a seamless opportunity to transition from high school into college and from PPCC to our four-year institutions.
- Two departments have come together at PPCC (the Department of Military and Veterans Programs and the Department of Student Services) to work on a federal Student Support Services grant to bring additional supplemental services to disabled veterans attending the college. This grant will enable us to better serve this underserved population, a population that makes up close to 20% of the college's total enrollment. If awarded the grant, we will be able to expand tutoring services, offer enhanced support for a wide variety of disabilities, and explore the benefits of learning communities for disabled students.

Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system's institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

- PPCC Department of Public Safety, Ken Hilte, was appointed to represent PPCC on CCOES' "Mapping Project." This project will create interactive floor plans to be used by first responders in accordance with the Colorado State Department of Homeland Security/ACAMS. PPCC has mapped two of its four campuses already.
- The Facilities, Maintenance and Operations Department at Pikes Peak Community College is working on many projects, several of which contribute to the physical safety of the campus or contribute to energy efficiencies resulting in cost savings.

DTSC energy efficiencies.

To save on energy costs we replaced windows at our Downtown Studio Campus with an energy efficient double pane and took advantage of a Colorado Springs utilities rebate program to change all the lighting to a more energy efficient type.

Windows: May 09, \$28K

Lighting: Aug 09, \$5K in rebates

Air Handler Controlled Maintenance Project.

The Air Handlers on our Centennial Campus are the original; 31 years old and 6 years beyond their expected service life. Repair parts are hard to find for these vintage units and there are life safety issues with fan blades.

Selected A&E Firm (Plant Engineering), paperwork @ Office of State Architect

Cost: \$1.1M (phase 1 of a 3 phase project--\$3.27M total. #1 on our FY11 CM project list)

Elevated Walkways and Soffits.

Years of water damage on the bridges that connect Aspen to Breckenridge buildings at our Centennial Campus has left them with badly deteriorated concrete, rusted soffit supports on the underside and rusted drain piping. This project was needed to address safety hazards.

Start: 26 Aug, (33% complete)

Estimated completion: 23 Nov

Cost: \$102K

H1N1 prep.

We've redirected in-house custodial efforts for increased disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and prepositioned hand sanitizing stations in common areas. We are also taking advantage of \$8.7K in grant money to purchase additional supplies to mitigate the spread of the virus.