

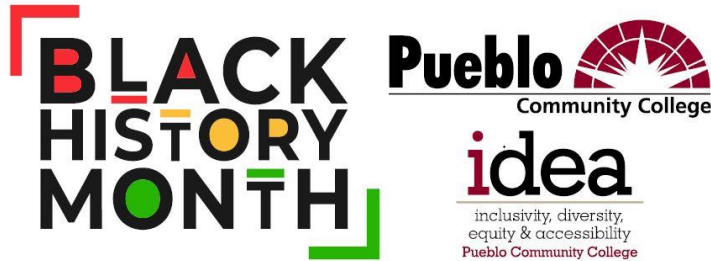


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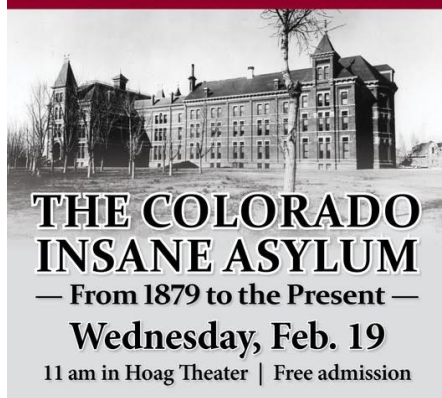
Education for all

Black History Month events – PCC's [Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility \(IDEA\) Committee](#) planned multiple campus events to recognize and celebrate Black History Month. They included an African American Read-in, a Harriet Tubman Chautauqua performance (in collaboration with Colorado Humanities and the local library district), a presentation about anti-Blackness and microaggressions, a Black business expo, and a celebration with Caribbean food, live music and poetry readings.



Pueblo History Speaker Series – The spring semester edition of PCC's Pueblo History Speaker Series, conceived by History Professor Brad Bowers, kicked off Feb. 19 with a presentation by Nancy Hall, a board member with the Colorado State Hospital Museum. She provided an overview of the psychiatric hospital's history from 1879 to the present to a large in-person and online audience. Originally called the Colorado Insane Asylum, the facility is now the Colorado Mental Health Hospital in Pueblo (CMHHIP).

PCC's Spring 2025 Pueblo History Speaker Series



College receives Basic Needs Grant – PCC received a three-year grant through the US Department of Education’s Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program. The \$899,951 grant will go toward supporting students’ basic needs – food insecurity, transportation, housing, childcare, mental health services and technology – at all PCC locations.

PCC Foundation names new CEO – The Pueblo Community College Foundation board of directors selected Julie Rodriguez as the foundation’s new CEO, replacing retiring CEO Martha Simmons. Rodriguez, a Pueblo native, has more than 25 years of experience in public affairs, fundraising, resource development, management, communications and marketing. Her previous roles include senior public affairs manager/public information officer for Black Hills Energy, executive director of the Steelworks Center of the West, and development director for the Colorado State University Pueblo Foundation.

Empowered talent

Assessment showcase highlights program accomplishments – More than 50 people were recognized Jan. 30 for their achievements in Assessment of Student Learning at the [Annual Showcase and Awards Ceremony](#). Categories included Years of Participation, Early Birds for first assessments completed each semester, Overachievers for the most assessments completed, and Legacies for long-term achievements, as well as department awards for 100% participation, first-ever Concurrent Enrollment participation, and most assessments by department size. PCC's Health Professions & Public Safety division was named 2025 Assessment Champion Division. People also were able to vote on their favorite [assessment posters](#), each of which outlined a specific challenge and the plan created to solve it.

Partner of choice

[Corporate College provides training through DOC](#) – Pueblo Corporate College, a division of PCC, received a \$581,000 contract from the Colorado Department of Corrections to provide specialized training to incarcerated students throughout the state. The four programs will continue to offer training and support once students are released from the correctional facilities. The courses offered are occupational safety and health, HVAC technician, electrical systems and electrical pre-apprenticeship.

Sister city officials tour campus – Representatives from several higher education institutions in Chihuahua, Mexico – one of Pueblo’s sister cities – toured the PCC campus Jan. 31. The group got to explore the Human Anatomy Learning Center, mobile learning labs, law enforcement academy, advanced manufacturing, computer science/esports lab, and automotive technology department. Chihuahua is less than 700 miles from Pueblo, offering the possibility of future educational exchanges between the cities.

