



## SBCCOE Report – January 2022 Dr. Lance Bolton, President

### TRANSFORM THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **PPCC Student Mathematics Colloquium**

Join in a celebration of our mathematics students from all levels and interests. Dr. Mark Tomforde, a UCCS Mathematics Professor, is the featured keynote speaker. Highlights include student presentations on mathematics subjects over a wide range of topics.

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CC A-167 and WebEx (password: PPCC, event #: 2623 020 1388)

Friday, December 3, 11:30 am–3:30 pm

- **“Wind, Wave, Earth, Ember”**

A contemporary dance concert, performed by PPCC’s student dance company, High Altitude Dance Ensemble. Enjoy a multimedia exploration of the elements through athletic movement and reflective gesture. Free. Masks & social distancing required.

CC Theater | December 3 & 4 | 7:30–8:15 pm

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- **Big Arts Night: Student Art Show**

Experience the creative talents of PPCC students all in one night. The Student Art Show opens in The Gallery, and dance, theatre and music students will perform in the Black Box Theater. Free and open to the public. Masks required.

Friday, Dec. 10 | Downtown Campus, Studio West, 22 N. Sierra Madre

Student Art Show | 5–8 pm  
Choir Performance | 5:30–6 pm  
Art Show Awards | 6–6:30 pm  
Dance Performance | 6:30–7 pm  
Theatre Performance | 7–7:30 pm

- **Student Activities Board Hosts Welcome Week: Prismatic**

Students are welcome to start the spring semester by joining the Student Activities Board in a new journey towards a prismatic lifestyle of variance and brilliance with activities for us to know ourselves, grow ourselves, and step outside ourselves to understand the world around us.

Activities include:

Jan. 24–28 | Virtual Step Outside Yourself Challenge

Jan. 25 | Centennial Campus, Grove | 11 am–1 pm

Jan. 27 | Rampart Range, Student Lounge | 11 am–1 pm

To learn more, visit [ppcc.edu/sab](https://ppcc.edu/sab).

## **TRANSFORM OUR OWN WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE**

- **PPCC Hosts Spring PDW Week for Faculty and Staff titled “Spotlight on Success”**

*Spotlight on Success* was the theme for our Spring 2022 Professional Development Week (PDW) at Pikes Peak Community College.

Our keynote address from Dr. Jonathan Brennen of OnCourse, followed by a chance to dig deeper with him in a workshop, was a highlight. Our workshop offerings came in a variety of modes, face-to-face, Hyflex, and remote, to keep group sizes small but offer people a chance to reconnect and share however they were comfortable. We had workshops on HIPs, technology, Human Trafficking (in partnership with Phi Theta Kappa & the Colorado Human Trafficking Council), Systems Thinking, Equity, pedagogy, and more! And - because self-care is important too - yoga & Tai Chi.

Brad Henry stated that, "A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning." We are optimistic that all who participated in PDW found ways to do that just a little bit better.

*Karen Summerson, CETL Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning*

- **Training and Development at PPCC makes headway in 2021, and charges toward a new year of success!**

2021 was a challenging year for institutions, but training and development at PPCC surely didn't back down. In 2021:

- PPCC held 40 virtual training events exploring topics like Difficult Conversations, Purposeful Leadership, Microsoft Excel, and so much more! (Plus, over 1000 views of recorded sessions)!
- These sessions hosted 2421 attendees, with representation from all 13 Community Colleges in the System.
- PPCC awarded 450 Core Competency Digital Credentials for professional development.
- 12 employees successfully completed the Enhancing Leadership Program.
- 10 employees successfully completed the Supervisor Development Program.

On deck for 2022:

- PPCC working group is currently attending the free state certification for Customer Service training with plans to collaboratively build universal customer service standards and practices for PPCC.
- Supervisor Development Program will host its third cohort of PPCC supervisors in April 2022.
- Enhancing Leadership Program will host its third cohort of PPCC employees in Fall 2022.
- Exciting new topics and sessions coming up for system-wide attendance.

*Ashlee Dutton, Manager of Development & Leadership Advancement, Human Resource Services*

## CREATE EDUCATION WITHOUT BARRIERS THROUGH TRANSFORMATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- **Only Flying: Poems and Stories from Badass Women Writers**

In association with the Pikes Peak Library District, Only Flying: Poems and Stories from Badass Women Writers celebrates story, beauty, and what it takes to be badass.

Enjoy readings from PPCC English professor Brook Bhagat's new poetry collection, *Only Flying*, along with readings from Carina Bissett (*Upon a Twice Time*), Amie Sharp (*The Sabine Women*), and Cindy Skaggs (*Janet: Army of One*).

Q & A session and raffle. Books available for sale and signatures.

Fri/Dec. 3 | 6–8 pm | Free to the public. | [Learn More](#).

Knights of Columbus Hall (MacLaren Hall)

20 W. Pikes Peak

NSFW Disclaimer: Readings will include profanity and subjects that may not be suitable for children.

- **PPCC Accounting students help families prepare taxes for free**

This tax season, PPCC is again partnering with Tax Help Colorado, a program of The Piton Foundation to offer hard-working families free tax preparation. January 29 through March 19, IRS-certified PPCC accounting students will prepare and file tax returns free of charge to households with incomes of \$57,000 a year and less. The appointments schedule is now open.

Free tax prep helps ease the burden of commercial tax preparation costs on low-wage earners and helps connect families with valuable tax credits. On average, tax preparation in Colorado cost \$200.

Last tax season, PPCC volunteers spent 650 hours preparing taxes. One volunteer earned the Presidential Volunteer Service Award with over 100 hours. You can learn about those awards here:

<https://presidentialserviceawards.gov/eligibility>

“This year continues to create economic challenges for people in our community and we’re proud to be able to have a direct and positive impact by saving them money on their tax preparation,” said Melissa Nelson, PPC’s Accounting program chair. “Providing our students with real world experience is a major bonus.”

“We know access to free tax assistance and valuable tax credits are more important than ever this year. We’re grateful for our dedicated partners, volunteers and students who ensure families receive the best service possible,” said Courtney O’Reilly, Director of Tax Help Colorado. Tax preparers receive comprehensive training to ensure the families they serve get the best refund possible.

This free service will be offered Saturdays 8 am – 3pm, Jan 29 – March 19 at PPC’s Centennial Campus, 2nd floor Atrium, 5675 S Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906. The schedule is now open for appointments.

Schedule an appointment: <https://www.ppsc.edu/tax-help-colorado>  
Questions: 719-502-4TAX or [taxhelpco@ppcc.edu](mailto:taxhelpco@ppcc.edu)

*Karen Kovaly, Communications Coordinator, Marketing and Communication*

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

- **2021 Green Holiday Fair Guide**

The Office of Sustainability would like to share with you our [2021 Green Holiday Fair Guide](#). You will find sustainable practices for gifts, food, travel, decorations, and social interactions. Thank you for making an effort to go green this holiday season.

You can share with us your sustainable holiday practices using the #GreenHolidayFair on Instagram @PPCC\_Sustainability and posting on our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ppccsustainability>. We will randomly choose five winners to receive the book *Live Green: 52 Steps for a More Sustainable Life* by Jen Chillingsworth.

For more resources on how to put into action the Green Holiday Fair practices, visit <https://www.ppsc.edu/sustain/Your-Actions>.

If you are interested in joining the Sustainability Club, send your contact information to [sustainability@ppcc.edu](mailto:sustainability@ppcc.edu).

*Konrad Schlarbaum, Sustainability Coordinator, Office of Sustainability/Student Life*

- **Spanish Campus Visit**

We invite all future students, parents, and friends to an in-person information session presented in Spanish. We will talk about the benefits of attending PPCC and answer questions about the registration process, financial aid, and scholarships.

Invitamos a todos los futuros estudiantes, familiares y amigos a una sesión informativa en persona y en español. Hablaremos sobre los beneficios de asistir a PPCC y responderemos preguntas sobre el proceso de registro, ayuda financiera y becas.

Dec. 7 | CC, C200 | 6–7 pm

Dec. 14 | CC, A140 | 9:30–10:30 am

Dec. 21 | CC, A140 | 6–7 pm

Info and registration: [ppcc.edu/visit-campus](http://ppcc.edu/visit-campus)

- **January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month**

Human trafficking is a crime involving the severe exploitation of another person for the purposes of compelled labor or a commercial sex act using force, fraud, or coercion, for some kind of benefit, often economic.

Learn more at [ThisIsHumanTrafficking.com](http://ThisIsHumanTrafficking.com). Leave a tip or get help: 866–455-5075 or text 720–999–9724.

- **Virtual Happiness Retreat for all PPCC Students and Employees**

The SKY Campus Happiness Retreat, offered to all PPCC students and employees, is a powerful, entirely virtual weekend retreat filled with evidence-based meditation and breath work practices, social connection, self-development, and stress-management skills which bring calm, clarity, and happiness. This nationally acclaimed program increases energy and focus and reduces stress which directly translates to better performance in academics and personal life.

The event is hosted by PPCC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is fully funded by the generous support of President Bolton for all students, faculty, and staff. (Usually \$125/person) Participants must attend all three sessions:

Friday, February 25, 5 – 8 PM

Saturday, February 26, 10 AM – 1 PM

Sunday, February 27, 10 AM – 1 PM

Register: <https://skycampushappiness.typeform.com/SKYATPIKESPEAK>

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