

# Chancellor's Report to the Community



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# Student Success



The College knows that student success begins with open access. Our goal is to provide programs and services that allow our students to reach their personal academic or career goal, be it a bachelor's degree or direct employment.

**\$1,081,490** Award from the U.S. Department of Education for 2017-18 **to encourage low-income high school students to attend PCC and potentially transfer to a four-year school.** The grant, which will fund our Upward Bound program, enables first-generation students to succeed in college.

**90+%** PCC students who in Fall 2015 reported positive or neutral responses to their experiences in the classroom.

**10,000+** **students who earned diplomas or certificates** from PCC in the past three years.

**TO LEARN MORE** Read the College's Preliminary Education and Facilities Master Plan for a glimpse at PCC's potential future.

**30** PCC student-athletes named 2017 Academic All-Americans by the National Junior College Athletic Association. It is **the highest number of Academic All-Americans in the school's history.**

**2** Consecutive years that PCC's student publication SandScript Art and Literature magazine **has won first place** in the Community College Humanities Association's Literary Magazine Competition.

**\$72,000** Money saved so far by PCC students through the Open Educational Resources Degree Initiative grant. PCC is **one of only 38 community colleges in the U.S.** to receive the grant, which allows PCC to develop online degree programs using high-quality, low- or no-cost online educational resources, such as textbooks.



Elizabeth Pennington

Elizabeth is one of only 20 U.S. community college students named to the 2017 All-USA Community College Academic Team. More than 1,900 students nationwide competed for the honor. Elizabeth's college journey began 15 years ago at the University of Arizona, which she attended after graduating from Tucson High School. She left UA after 18 months, went to work full-time and started a family. She restarted at PCC because of our affordability, and excelled academically. She will return to UA in the fall. Her goal: become a high school history teacher.

# Community Engagement



PCC understands the College must be attuned to the expectations of business and industry, as well as our community constituents.

**6,000** Approximate number of students and trainees served annually through contract training, continuing education, and employer-sponsored education and training. In addition, PCC Workforce Development **assists hundreds of employers** through training agreements, coordinating work-based learning, and other initiatives.

**TO LEARN MORE** PCC is the **only community college in the U.S.** in a Department of Transportation grant that will allow PCC to address regional transportation, mobility, workforce development and environmental issues.

The Arizona Advanced Technology Corridor is a partnership among PCC, Central Arizona College and Maricopa Community College to create a **standard technology curriculum.**

PCC is leveraging our **renowned Aviation Technology program** through the Talent Solutions Coalition, which seeks to bridge the gap between colleges and employers in the aviation industry.

PCC is **one of only 35 U.S. colleges** in the Fiat Chrysler Automotive (FCA) Mopar Career Automotive Program Local initiative. Students get online training to ready them for work at FCA dealerships.

**1000+** Attendees at the STEM Innovation Challenge and the Arizona STEM Adventure, both held at PCC. The Innovation Challenge showcased **PCC's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math** resources to high school students and the community; the STEM Adventure encouraged a lifelong interest in science among K-8 students.

**77** Community leaders who attended the 2017 Futures Conference, since 2014 an annual gathering of external stakeholders and PCC employees. The focus of the 2017 conference was to distill a handful of initiatives for PCC to pursue in the next four years.

**TO LEARN MORE** Read the 2017-2021 Strategic Plan.



## Angel Gomez

Angel, a Sunnyside High School graduate, participates in PCC's Honors program and is active at Desert Vista Campus' aquaponics lab. Angel intends to study Mining Engineering at UA.



## Monica Trujillo

Monica, another Sunnyside alum and Honors program student, is researching how introducing new types of cotton seeds is affecting agriculture in India. Monica also intends to transfer to UA.

# Diversity

A multifaceted topic, Diversity at PCC is defined by the belief that everyone benefits from appreciating those characteristics that differentiate and unify us.



**18** **PCC's rank among 1,100 U.S. community colleges** in associate degrees awarded to Hispanics in 2015, according to a February 2017 Hispanic Outlook in Education report. PCC graduated 2,848 students in 2014-15.

**21** **Tucson-area minority students with financial need who received scholarships** funded by grants from international entities, such as the Mexican government, in 2016-17. The Office of International Development has funded 67 scholarships to Tucson students, totaling approximately \$260,000, since the initiative began in 2015.

**90** Number of PCC Adult Basic Education students who became U.S. citizens in 2016-2017. PCC has been the **main provider of citizenship education** through our Adult Basic Education for College & Career division for over 20 years. This year, the College pledged its support of the Cities for Citizenship initiative, in which Tucson and some two dozen other U.S. cities pledge to support those seeking a pathway to citizenship with classes and financial help.

**12.9%** **The percentage of Pima County Hispanic/Latino residents age 25 and older with a bachelor's degree.**

That compares to the county's overall 25-and-older percentage of 17.4. In its first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan, made final in May, the College has committed to helping close the gap in educational attainment for Hispanic/Latino Pima County residents.

**TO LEARN MORE** ▶ Read the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan

**1** New academic concentration in Ethnic, Gender and Transborder Studies.



Dulce "Candy" Douglas

Dulce, a PCC graduate, is taking classes for a bachelor's degree in Fashion Design from Arizona State University. The mom of three has received numerous scholarships, including one from the prestigious Parsons School of Design in New York.

Alicia Perez, RN

Alicia, a Spring 2015 graduate of our Nursing program, was an Employee of the Year nominee at St. Mary's Hospital.

# Stewardship

The College recognizes its responsibility to be a careful and responsible manager of fiscal and natural resources.



**100+** Number of vacant positions reduced for 2017-18. The College has eliminated the positions to better align the number of employees with the number of students enrolled.

**106,941** Pounds of material the College recycled in 2016, including paper, solvents, electronic waste and used oil.

**\$1.3890** PCC's combined Fiscal Year 2018 property tax rate, per \$100 of Net Assessed Valuation. PCC has the **third-lowest rate** among Arizona's 10 community college districts.

**\$15 million** Savings to be realized by PCC over the next 25 years as a result of the installation of solar panels at our facilities. Phase 2 of the project was completed this year, giving PCC an eight-megawatt capacity.

**\$1.7 million** Decrease in the College's 2017-18 budget compared to the 2016-17 budget. Over the past two fiscal years, the College has **reduced its budget by more than \$12.7 million.**

**TO LEARN MORE** [View a presentation on the FY 2017-18 PCC budget.](#)

**25** Consecutive years that PCC has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the College's Fiscal Year 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

**TO LEARN MORE** [Read the CAFR.](#)



## Tyler Goetz

Tyler is one of more than 800 Pima County students to receive a High School Equivalency diploma in 2016-17. Tyler returned to education after a half-decade battle to overcome addiction. He took PCC's free Math Bridge classes at our Downtown Campus, making the 26-mile round trip from his East Side home by bicycle. He attended the prep classes four days a week for seven weeks, logging about 700 miles on his one-speed BMX bike. Tyler will take classes at PCC, with a goal of attaining a degree in a STEM subject.