



Alumni eNewsletter – March 2010

Alumni Association News

Be a Mentor!

The PCC Alumni Association is looking for alumni volunteers to serve as mentors to current Pima students. Students have indicated they are interested in having mentors and the Alumni Association wants to fulfill that request.

The goals for the PCC Alumni Association are

1. Encourage Alumni to support current and future students and academic projects through financial and volunteer opportunities.
2. Educate and motivate Alumni to be informed advocates for the College.
3. Recognize and celebrate the achievements of Alumni.
4. Inspire Alumni to pursue life-long learning.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor and/or would like more information about it, please contact the PCC Alumni Association at (520) 206-4646 or alumni@pima.edu.

Chancellor's Briefing for Alumni

Pima Community College Chancellor, Dr. Roy Flores, shared information about the College at a meeting with PCC Alumni.

Dr. Flores' presentation focused on the Organizational Climate Survey conducted in 2008. The survey was based on responses from 203 community leaders, 1,203 county residents, 1,233 PCC students and 987 PCC employees regarding their opinion of the College.

All four groups held the College in high esteem, Dr. Flores reported. He cited the survey's key findings:

- 97 percent of residents and 98 percent of community leaders said PCC provides good value for taxes paid to support the College. For comparison, according to a 2007 national survey, 47 percent of U.S. residents said they get good value for taxes paid to support local government organizations.
- 80 percent of students rated the quality of teaching at PCC as "excellent."
- 82 percent of workers were satisfied with their employment at PCC.

Dr. Flores also analyzed the College's finances. He noted that the Arizona Legislature's appropriation to the College has declined 30 percent over the past two years, from just less than \$23 million to a little under \$15 million. That cut is part of a long-term trend, Dr. Flores said. In 1998, state appropriations accounted for 19.2 percent of College revenues; in 2010, appropriations account for 8 percent.

Dr. Flores said PCC has undertaken several cost-reduction measures over the past 18 months. These initiatives have allowed PCC to maintain its high standards of delivery of education and services without resorting to layoffs and furloughs of employees.

Record Number of Alumni Attend 3rd Annual Zoo Lights Event

Pima Community College's Alumni Association presented its third annual "Pima Alumni at Zoo Lights" on December 16, 2009, starting the holiday season on a magical note with a private preview of Zoo Lights at Reid Park Zoo. Over 600 alumni, friends and their families attended, raising over \$3,000 for the Alumni Association scholarship.



The event featured display tables presenting PCC programs and staffed by more than 50 PCC faculty and staff volunteers. Students from the Respiratory Technology program provided more than 100 dozen homemade cookies to add to the holiday cheer.

The PCC Alumni Association is grateful for the generous support from our corporate sponsors: Canyon Ranch, Nova Financial, Parties Plus and Sodexo.

Opportunities for Alumni

Will Your Will Be Known?

Join us for a free workshop with a top estate planning attorney!

During March, the Pima Community College Foundation, together with the Community Food Bank, Easter Seals Blake Foundation, Humane Society of Southern Arizona, Literacy Volunteers of Tucson, Inc., and YMCA Foundation, is offering free workshops, presented by top estate planning attorneys, on the importance of creating and updating a will.

A will can help you voice your values and wishes, and ensure they are respected. It will also alleviate your family of the burden of trying to guess your final wishes, and prevent the confusion that can result when there is no will.

Tues., March 23, 12:00-1:30 pm

Community Food Bank
3003 S. Country Club Road

Thurs., March 25, 3:00-5:00 pm

Advanced Panel Session with elder law attorney, financial planner and CPA

PCC District Office
4905 E. Broadway Blvd, Bldg C

To reserve your space, RSVP by emailing foundation@pima.edu or call (520) 206-4646.

Dental Cleaning Appointments Available

PCC's Dental Hygiene Education students are recruiting dental hygiene patients for the Spring 2010 semester. The PCC Dental Hygiene Clinic is open to the general public. The services in the clinic are provided by the dental hygiene students. All treatment is provided under the direct supervision of a licensed dental hygienist and dentist. Fees range from \$40 to \$70, depending upon the extent of services provided. The Dental Hygiene Clinic is located on the West Campus, 2202 W. Anklam Road, Science Building, Room K-212. Call today to schedule an appointment, 206-6090.

New Program: Logistics and Supply Chain Management

The College's new Logistics and Supply Chain Management program has about 60 students enrolled in its first semester of classes. Pima, Cochise College and Arizona Western College - in an agreement with Pima County One Stop - have a combined goal of graduating 180 students from the program by the end of 2011.

The program, funded through a federal grant, offers two certificates and an associate degree. Certificate recipients are prepared for employment as entry-level shipping, receiving and traffic

clerks, or cargo and freight agents. A.A.S. graduates are prepared for up to supervisory positions in inventory control, transportation and warehouse management.

Students learn the essential principles of logistics and transportation, as well as skills in inventory control, warehouse management, business, and supervision. “A lot of people are working in logistics here, but don’t have formal training,” says John E. Gillis, Instructional Division Dean at East Campus, who oversees the program and expects about 100 students to be enrolled by May, 2010.

For more information on the program, go to www.pima.edu/program/logistics/.

MHC Healthcare Opens Second Clinic at PCC

The College welcomes the opening of MHC Healthcare’s public clinic at East Campus. MHC Healthcare is Arizona’s oldest community health center and multi-service provider, serving rural and metro Pima County. It also operates a public clinic at West Campus.

The clinic, which opened in November, is located on the north side of the Student Center building. The regular hours are 8 a.m.-Noon and 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. An MHC Healthcare physician assistant staffs the clinic.

“Community has always been at the forefront of what we do, but with the addition of this superb healthcare facility, I feel we have expanded our role as a central point in developing the East Side,” says Charlotte Fugett, East Campus President. “Our campus location can provide for learning needs, recreational needs via our partnership with the Clements Center, and now, healthcare needs from one of the best providers in Tucson - MHC Healthcare.”

To mark the opening, the College had a dedication ceremony and health fair on December 2 in the East Campus Community Room. “Pima Community College could not have found a better partner,” Fugett says. “Both the College and MHC Healthcare are dedicated to the community, focused on providing access and quality services and intent on providing this access and these services at a cost which is affordable.”

For more information, including how to set up an appointment, call (520) 574-1551. MHC Healthcare’s Web site is www.mhchealthcare.org.

Alumni Salute

Alumni Spotlight: Regina Santaniello (In Her Own Words)

I can honestly say without any exaggeration that “Pima Community College changed my life.” It all began when I met this girl while I was pregnant and working as a bus boy in a diner in Catalina. This girl was telling me about how she worked as a welder at her uncle’s welding

business. She suggested that I look into taking some welding courses at Pima because there was good money to be made welding in Tucson.



In October of 2001, I gave birth to my son, Angelo. I was a single mom with no real opportunities. I was working for peanuts at my sons' daycare center, barely surviving, but I knew that I was destined for more than this when I remembered what the girl in the diner told me a few years earlier. I went to Pima Community College's website to learn more. It was so simple. By the time the next semester began, I had financial aid and I was enrolled in PCC's Welding 110 class (prerequisite for welding). I was both nervous and anxious to start. What made me think that I could ever fuse metal together? I wasn't even that good at math. On my first day of class, I was beginning to think that I had made a mistake- that I was crazy! Then I met Leslie, the student aide for PCC's welding program. She told me she was so excited to see another female in the program because there weren't many of us in the welding industry, and there still isn't to this day. She saw how I

caught on pretty fast to welding and she began training me to take her place when she left to go to under-water welding school. I loved being the student aide! The work study money and the experience, how could this be anymore perfect!

Then, Ken Bice (the lead faculty) came on board. He had a huge impact on my life. He saw potential in me and he got me my first "real world" welding job at Alamo Steel. I was finally a real welder, in a real shop, welding real structures, for real people! Ken also helped me to get the tutoring services that I needed in order to graduate. He noticed me struggling with trying to juggle being a full-time mom, full-time student, full-time employee and needing a math tutor badly. Ken worked with my instructors and with my boss at Alamo, to coordinate tutoring services with my hectic full-time schedule.

In May of 2007, I graduated with my Associates in Applied Science, Welding and General Studies- and just shortly after that, Pima changed my life, again, even more. In January of 2007, I was hired to work for the same program that changed the path of my life forever. I applied and was offered the position of Welding Laboratory Technician.

I will never be able to show my full gratitude to Ken Bice, for providing me with the connections that gave me the experience that I needed in order for me to end up where I am now, nor to Terry Forster, for taking the chance and hiring me to work at PCC as a lab technician and to the rest of the PCC employees who helped and supported me along the way. All I can do is work hard for this program that worked so hard for me, do my absolute best, and keep learning. That is what I learned from Pima Community College. By the way, I was certified as a Flux-Cored Arc Welder (FCAW) in June of 2009!

Where Are They Now?

Tara Bradley-Newlands, '94

The Arizona native has three published stories and books with a fourth set scheduled to be released in March 2010. Tara's experiences overseas have been featured in the December 2009/January 2010 national print issue of Heart & Soul Magazine. She has also been featured in an upcoming 2010 book for the U.S. First Lady, Michelle Obama.

Andrea Escalante, '09

Andrea is a clinical research coordinator.

Erin Madden, '00

Erin retired after working in the Psychology field for 17 years. She enjoys art, music and writing. She is currently working as a Psychic.

Angela Moreno, '99

Angela is doing volunteer work.

Michelle Rorabaugh, '09

Michelle is working for Pima Community College in the Continuing Education Department.

Nicholas L. Schockett, '04

Nicholas recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Nicholas completed a variety of training, including classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

Amanda Ullery, '00

Amanda is a graduate student at the University of Arizona and a leasing agent.

Share your news with PCC Alumni! Send an e-mail with your professional and personal news or memories of your PCC experience including the year you last attended PCC to alumni@pima.edu.

Upcoming Events

Alberding Amble - PCC's East Campus Mathematics Department will host a 5K and 1-mile Fun Run & Walk on Saturday, April 3, 2010, at Lincoln Park, next to the Campus, to raise funds for the Art Alberding Scholar Award. The Alberding Scholarship, named in honor of faculty emeritus Art Alberding, is awarded annually to a math student at the East Campus. Registration fee is \$20 per person; register at www.pima.edu/foundation/NewsEvents.shtml.



19th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament - PCC Staff will host the 19th Annual Golf Tournament to raise funds for student scholarships on Saturday, June 5, 2010, at Randolph Park Dell Ulrich Golf Course. Cost is \$75 per golfer for the four-person scramble event. To sponsor or register as a golfer, visit www.pima.edu/foundation/NewsEvents.shtml.

A complete list of key dates, events, Athletics, and the College Center for the Arts can be found on the Pima Community College Online Calendar.

Membership in the PCC Alumni Association is free. Anyone who has taken courses at PCC is eligible to become a member of the Alumni Association. As a member, you will receive regular notices of College news and events and opportunities available to alumni. The benefits of membership include invitations to alumni events, volunteer opportunities and use of College services, such as career and job search counseling and access to the libraries and recreation centers. To become a member, simply fill out the [Online Registration Form](#) found at www.pima.edu/alumni.

Comments or suggestions are welcome at: alumni@pima.edu

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