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Dear PCC Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the summer issue of the Pima Community College Alumni Association (PCCAA) eNewsletter. We hope you will enjoy reading about what is happening at Pima College, and we look forward to receiving your life updates for publication in a future PCCAA eNewsletter, and other feedback at alumni@pima.edu.

Thank you,

Pima Community College Alumni Association

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News

Graduation 2011

Thousands Graduate

A total of 3,396 Pima Community College students graduated from Pima this year. The oldest graduate, 76-year-old Maria A. Keonjian, earned an Associate of Applied Science in Culinary Arts. The youngest graduate, 17-year-old Addelene Kristen Case, earned a Certificate in Veterinary Practice Assistant.



There were 1,963 female candidates and 1,433 male candidates. The College awarded 5,064 degrees and certificates to these students. Many PCC students earn more than one certificate and/or degree.

Ninety-two graduation candidates, or 2.7 percent of the class, have a grade point average greater than 3.90 and met the requirements for graduation with highest honors.

The five programs with the highest number of graduates from among the college's more than 65 associate degree programs were:

- 781 Liberal Arts
- 439 General Studies
- 247 Business
- 208 Nursing
- 106 Science

All other degree programs within the college graduated 47 or fewer students with associate degrees.

New Programs

Law Enforcement Academy

Pima Community College has implemented a new occupational program, Law Enforcement Academy-Associate of Applied Science.

This occupational degree is designed to meet a community need for an open-enrollment program intended for students interested in a law enforcement career. Graduates of this degree who qualify for AZPOST certification as a Basic Peace Officer are eligible to work immediately upon hire by a law enforcement agency. Although this program currently exists as a concentration within a Workforce program, offering it as a separate occupational degree provides students in the program the opportunity to qualify for financial aid, which is not true with contracted Workforce programs.

PCC's Law Enforcement Academy is a part-time training program. Participants in this academy are able to work while going through the program. To get more information, please contact Pima's Public Safety & Emergency Services Institute Law Enforcement Academy, (520) 206-6350 or email psi@pima.edu.

Phlebotomy

The new Phlebotomy Program offered through the Center for Training and Development (CTD), is designed to enhance medical assistant proficiency and meet a need at local laboratory facilities. The Phlebotomy Certificate for Direct Employment will be offered in conjunction with the Medical Assistant program; students will have the option of completing one or both programs.

Graduates of the certificate will be eligible to sit for one of the national phlebotomy certifications after a period of employment. The Pima Community College program will increase the number of local employees who meet certification eligibility requirements, which will improve the profession locally.

Start-up costs for equipment, initial supplies, and curriculum development have been provided by the Title V grant. The Health Professions Opportunity grant will provide scholarships for students who qualify.

Other New CTD Health Information Technology (HIT) Programs:

- HIT - Trainer Certificate

- HIT - Implementation Support Specialist Certificate
- HIT - Practice Workflow & Info. Management Redesign Specialist Certificate
- HIT - Technical Software Support Specialist Certificate
- HIT - Clinician/Practitioner Consultant Certificate
- HIT - Implementation Manager Certificate

To get more information on any of the programs, please contact the Center for Training and Development, (520) 206-5100 or email ctd@pima.edu.

Kudos to Alumni

Alumni Recognition

Mark Hanna, past chair of the Pima Community College Alumni Association and chair of the Pima Alumni Scholarship Committee, has received a Crystal Apple Award from the Metropolitan Education Commission (MEC). Mark was recognized with the Counselor Award at the MEC's 21st Annual Crystal Apple Awards Luncheon in May.



Mark is the College and Career Readiness Coordinator at Catalina Magnet High School. He has worked at Catalina for the last five years as a college counselor and as a teacher's aide in a program for at-risk students. He is a retired retail manager, spending the last 20 years of his career as a general manager for Costco Wholesale in various places such as Phoenix, Albuquerque, New Jersey, and Brooklyn. After retiring in 2000, he began his second career by completing his bachelor's degree in education and then his master's degree in higher education at the University of Arizona. He is also a member of the UA Tucson Alumni.

Alumni Salute

Alumni Spotlight: Sharmayne Wardell

Sharmayne Wardell is putting the skills and knowledge gained through PCC's Clinical Research Coordinator program to work in a new career in the medical field.

When Sharmayne decided to return to college, her goal was to begin a new career in clinical research. "Pima offered a professional program in an area of the medical field that seemed to be a perfect match for me," Sharmayne said. PCC was the ideal starting place for a busy mom of five. She lived near a PCC campus and the tuition was affordable.



"Education has always been an important factor to me and my family," Sharmayne said, "and I am grateful for my own mother's example of completing her bachelor's degree." Led by her mother's example, Sharmayne

completed her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and master's in Education Administration at Brigham Young University in Utah. All of Sharmayne's children have also graduated from college or are currently attending. Her youngest son will be entering college this fall semester.

Sharmayne is grateful to scholarship donors and to Pima Community College who helped in making her dream become a reality. "I can now contribute to society through medical research," Sharmayne said. Sharmayne graduated in December 2010 and is currently working full-time as a new coordinator in Clinical Research.

Alumni Outreach

Recommend Outstanding Alumni

The Alumni Association is compiling names of successful alumni.

Submit recommendations on those whom you would like us to honor at a future event or in a PCC publication. We welcome nominations and information via e-mail at alumni@pima.edu.

Remember, you can send us information on yourself too!



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.

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.

Consider a Contribution to Alumni Scholarship Fund

Our students need your help now more than ever. Make a donation to the PCC Foundation's Alumni Scholarship Fund and change a student's life.

You can donate online. To donate to the Alumni Association Family Scholarship (which goes to alumni and their dependents) or any other scholarship/program/fund, go to www.pima.edu/foundation, click on the "online donation." If choosing to contribute to the Alumni Scholarship, select general scholarships and fill in "Alumni Association Family Scholarship."

Check out other scholarships and contribution opportunities offered by the PCC Foundation at www.pima.edu/foundation.

For more information, contact the PCC Foundation at (520) 206-4646 or via e-mail at foundation@pima.edu.

Athletics

Pima College's intercollegiate sports teams participate in the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) under the banner of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Two Pima coaches have been named conference *Coach of the Year*. Men's tennis coach Sharif Moustafa and women's tennis coach Gretchen Schantz were honored by the Arizona Community College Athletic Association.



Aztecs complete 2011 NJCAA National Competition

The College's men's tennis team finished 13th in the NJCAA Division I & III Men's Tennis National Championship, as five PCC teams competed in their respective NJCAA Division I national championships.

The Pima women's tennis team finished 15th in the 2011 NJCAA National Tournament. The Aztecs had their best point total (16.5) since their 2004 jump to NJCAA Division I.

The men's and women's track teams (overall 18th and 21st, respectively) had the top finishes at the 2011 NJCAA Outdoor Nationals.

Meanwhile, the Aztecs men's golf team was 20th in the 2011 NJCAA National Golf Championship.

Cross Country

The Pima men's and women's cross country teams have earned national academic honors.

The Aztecs had the ninth best grade point average (3.548) among men's teams in Junior College Cross Country Coaches Association, and the 13th best among women's teams (3.668).

Tuition

2011-2012 Tuition

The Board of Governors voted to increase in-state tuition by \$5.00 per credit for the 2011-2012 academic year.

The total in-state per credit cost of \$63.00 is comprised of the \$5.00 increase

in tuition to \$58.50, a \$2.50 Student Services fee and a \$2.00 Information Technology fee. The fees are unchanged from the 2010-2011 academic year.

The Board also increased tuition for non-residents. The increase depends on how many credits non-resident students take and when they take them:

1. 6 credits or less \$102.50 per credit
2. More than 6 credits \$298.50 per credit
3. Summer Classes \$195.50 per credit

The total cost per credit for non-resident students includes Student Services and Information Technology fees.

Board Approves Differential Tuition

The Board of Governors has approved changes in tuition for courses that are more costly for the College to offer.

The new differential tuition rates will become effective in Spring 2012.

The College reviewed four years of cost data. To qualify for differential tuition, the cost of a discipline's courses had to be at least double the College median for two or more consecutive years.

Courses costing at least twice but less than four times the median for two consecutive years were found in the following disciplines: Aviation Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Massage Therapy, Music Studio Instruction, Respiratory Therapy, Technology, Travel Industry Operations, Veterinary Technology, and Welding. Courses in these disciplines will be subject to a 30 percent differential.

Courses costing more than four times the median for two consecutive years were found in the following disciplines: Clinical Research, Dental Assisting Education, Dental Hygiene, Dental Laboratory Technology, Fashion Design, Medical Laboratory Technology, Nursing, and Radiologic Technology. Courses in these disciplines will be subject to a 40 percent differential tuition.

Differential tuition rates apply to courses, not programs. For example, a Nursing student will not pay a differential tuition for non-nursing courses such as writing that are needed to satisfy the program's degree requirement.

The total cost of the program will be based on a combination of differential and non-differential rates. For example, the Machine Tool Technology (MAC) program qualifies for a 30 percent differential rate. But the cost increase for MAC students will translate to only 19 percent, because to satisfy the program's degree requirements they also must take non-MAC courses that are unaffected by differential tuition.

The in-state tuition rate is set at \$58.50 per credit hour. The 30 percent differential rate constitutes an additional \$17.50 per credit hour, increasing the cost per credit to \$76.00. The 40 percent differential rate constitutes an increase of \$23.50 per credit hour, increasing the cost to \$82.00 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition will be subject to the same differential tuition rates for affected disciplines.

A complete list of key dates, events, Athletics, and the College Center for the Arts can be found on the [PCC 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](#).

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