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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Dear Alumni,

Welcome to the fall 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 updates for publication in a future PCCAA electronic newsletter, and other feedback at alumni@pima.edu.

Thank you,
Pima Community College Alumni Association

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News

A Message from the Chancellor

Thank you for this opportunity to connect with our amazing alumni. The women and men who have graduated from Pima Community College - more than 32,000 in the past decade - are living examples of the power of a PCC education. (In meeting over 1,000 people during my first four months as Chancellor, I've constantly been struck by how virtually everyone in town seems to know someone who is attending or has graduated from PCC.) Our graduates are teachers, healthcare professionals, firefighters, entrepreneurs - the backbone of a prosperous, healthy Tucson and great ambassadors for the College, whether they realize it or not.



Additionally, the College is deeply appreciative of the support alumni have provided, through contributions to the PCC Foundation's many scholarships, so that future generations of PCC students can realize the benefits of postsecondary education.

Those benefits can transform lives, as you know. Individually, a credential from PCC typically means higher wages. It's a springboard to a better life for the graduate and his or her family, be it an associate degree in Aviation Technology, or a post-degree

certificate in Paralegal Studies or Teacher Education. It is also a steppingstone to further educational achievement, as PCC students often go on to earn bachelor's degrees at The University of Arizona or other four-year institutions. Collectively, being home to thousands of postsecondary achievers gives a tremendous advantage to our city as it competes in the fast-paced 21st-century global economy. We all win.

Like any large, dynamic organization, PCC has challenges. Please understand that the College is dedicated to meeting those challenges head-on and overcoming them for the benefit of the heart of our institution, the students. As a supporter of the College and-or as a former student, your pride in PCC and your educational achievements is justified. You should know that, looking forward, your pride will continue to be well-placed, as we continuously and tirelessly improve service to students and the community. For PCC, I am convinced that the best is yet to come.

All the best this holiday season,

Lee D. Lambert,
Chancellor



Chancellor Lambert with students at Downtown Campus

Chancellor Lambert is very active on social media. You can

* follow his blog at pimachancellor.wordpress.com

* follow him on Twitter @LeeLambert3

* friend him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lee.d.lambert.

Chancellor Pledges to Improve PCC Student Readiness for Careers



Chancellor Lee D. Lambert

Pima Community College will work to ensure its students can successfully pursue careers or bachelor's degrees, Chancellor Lee Lambert said to more than 400 business community and government leaders at the Building Community Luncheon on October 30. The event raised \$40,000 for the PCC Foundation's new Building Community Scholarship Endowment.

"We must be sure students are college- and career-ready," Chancellor Lambert said, emphasizing that PCC will align its curriculum and services so that students who wish to transfer can succeed at Arizona's state universities or other bachelor's-degree-granting institutions. "We must also align with business and industry to make sure we are providing them with the workforce they need, and to attract businesses to the community," he said.

PCC will work with local businesses to strengthen Workforce Development and occupational programs so that they meet industry needs.

Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild also spoke at the event. "PCC for years has been doing a lot of things right in this community," the mayor said. "Pima is easy to work with, and you want to work with Pima," he added.

Chancellor Lambert outlined three overarching challenges facing PCC and other higher-education institutions:



Mayor Jonathan Rothschild

1. Technology
Noting the rapid emergence of Massively Open Online Classes (MOOCs), "technology is redefining our world," he said.
2. Globalization
The U.S. should look to partner with other nations such as China, Mexico and India.
3. Accountability
Given that student loan debt is about \$1 trillion, "We need to find a better way to make sure students receive a better ROI."

[Read Chancellor Lambert's 2013-2014 goals, objectives and timelines.](#)

PCC Addresses Probation

Pima Community College is moving forward to address the concerns of its accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

On April 6, 2013, the HLC placed the College on probation. While on probation, the College remains fully accredited. For more detailed information, go to [PCC addresses probation.](#)

Upcoming Events

PCCNow

Coming in 2014: PCCNow

Beginning in early 2014, look for PCCNow in your email in-box. The electronic newsletter will contain links to recent news and information about the College.

Alumni Salute!

Alumni Spotlight: Jenifer Adams

"If I had to do it over again, I'd either be a chemistry teacher or gone into sales sooner," said Jenifer Adams.

Jenifer, who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies at the age of 40, said Pima was one of the best experiences of her life.

"I was having an age crisis," she said. "My children were growing up and I realized that I needed to do something...so I went back to school."



Jenifer enjoyed chemistry and, at the time, was interested in becoming a pharmacist. Well, life happened and Jenifer was unable to continue with her pharmaceutical studies.

"Life doesn't always turn out the way you think," she said. "But it turns out the way it's supposed to."

"I never saw myself divorced or thought I'd be in sales," she said. "But I

love what I do!"

Jenifer's family has been in the sales business for nearly three decades. Her aunt started with Spartan Promotional Group, Inc. in the late 80's, her mother began in the 90's, Jenifer started in 2007 and now her sister works there too.

When asked what the most enjoyable part of her job was, Jenifer replied "the people... the relationships that I have with my clients."

Her clients range from individuals to large employers such as Raytheon and Pima Community College.

Jenifer also enjoys the privilege of working out of her home office. When she's not at her home office, she's out meeting with her clients' face-to-face dropping off product samples and ideas, attending networking meetings, ribbon cuttings and luncheons.

"My dress code ranges from pajamas to pumps and a suit," she said.

After her teenager completes school, Jenifer looks forward to returning to Pima to re-take some of the chemistry classes she enjoyed and also is interested in taking some art and fashion design classes.

She also enjoys sewing, quilting and cooking.

Alumni Outreach

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PCC Students greeted guests at the Building Community Luncheon on October 30: Andres Mba, Ehsan Joya, Dillon Mares, Cheryl House (PCC Foundation Executive Director), Jeannette Alcaraz, David Lee

Recommend Outstanding Alumni

The PCC Alumni Association wants to hear about 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!



Consider a Contribution to the PCC Foundation



For over 40 years, Pima Community College has played a vital role in changing lives, developing a vibrant workforce and improving the community.

The purpose of the PCC Foundation is to secure and manage philanthropic contributions to support students'

access to education, enhance programs, and provide additional resources to fulfill the mission of Pima Community College. We welcome donations, both monetary and in-kind, throughout the year, and we acknowledge all donations to the PCC Foundation with a thank you letter and documentation for tax deductions.

As you consider any contributions you may make during the year, we hope you will include the PCC Foundation in your giving plans. With your help, PCC can continue providing the essential services of higher education, workforce development, and community enrichment.

Your tax-deductible gift can help students directly through scholarships, create new or enhance existing academic programs, expand Pima's diverse cultural and community offerings, and contribute to the ongoing upkeep and expansion of our multiple campuses.

Whether you choose to contribute a little or a lot, your gift will be welcomed with gratitude as you join us in the important work of delivering transformative education that is accessible and affordable to all. We are very proud of our donors and the generosity they show throughout the year.

Check out contribution opportunities offered by the PCC Foundation at [Give to Pima](#).

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

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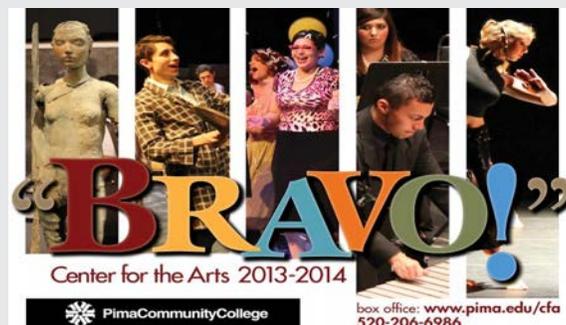
Alumni Wanted: Join the Pima Community College Alumni Association!

Be part of PCC Alumni Association and stay connected to the College. Membership is free. To register, go to [PCC Alumni](#).

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at (520) 206-4646 or via email at alumni@pima.edu.

The Arts

Center for the Arts Announces the 2013-14 Season: "BRAVO!"



What: PCC Center for the Arts 2013-14 Season: "BRAVO!"

Where: PCC Center for the Arts, West Campus
2202 West Anklam Road, Tucson, AZ 85709

When: September 2013 through May 2014

Open to the public: For performance tickets call the box office at (520) 206-6986 or purchase online at www.pima.edu/cfa. Tickets are available online beginning August 6. The box office opens for ticket sales on August 27. The gallery and all its programs are free, call (520) 206-6942.

Information: (520) 206-6986 or (520) 206-3062, centerforthearts@pima.edu, www.pima.edu/cfa.

PCC's Center for the Arts enthusiastically announces its 2013-2014 Season: "BRAVO!" - an eclectic and lively selection of Pima's theatre, music and dance performances; gallery exhibits of contemporary works by international, national and regional visual artists; and special events worthy of ovation.

Ongoing Events

* 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 [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](#) found at www.pima.edu/alumni.

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