



## *Alumni eNewsletter - March 2008*

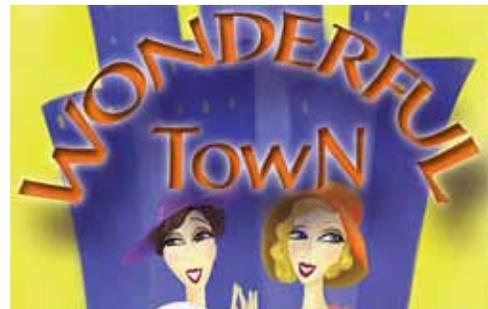
### **Alumni Association News**

#### **Alumni Help Raise Cash for Scholarships**



Close to 400 alumni and their families turned out to support the Pima Community College Alumni Association's first ever reunion in December. Alumni helped raise \$1,400 for the PCC Alumni Scholarship Endowment during the Zoo Lights event at the Tucson Reid Park Zoo. The event also raised an additional \$1,000 for alumni services. The PCC Chorus, live music, and bagpipers from the Seven Pipers Scottish Society entertained guests during the evening. Thanks to all our alumni, faculty and staff that helped put on the family friendly event. Mark your calendars for next year's Zoo Lights on December 9.

The "Wonderful Town" alumni reception and cast party included a fun filled evening in February. Proceeds from tickets sold support scholarships for PCC's Theatre Arts students through the PCC Foundation's Molly Starr Endowment Fund. Thanks to all the alumni who made this event a great success!



#### **Alumni are Encouraged to Attend Next General Meeting on April 1**

The annual general meeting of the PCC Alumni Association is this Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at the PCC District Office, 4905 East Broadway Blvd., at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place in the

Community Room inside the main entry between buildings C and D. Elections for the 2008-09 Alumni Association officers will be held during the meeting. All alumni are encouraged to attend to find out about the activities planned for this year and to learn how you can get involved with the Alumni Association.

The slate of candidates running for officers of the Alumni Association is the following:

Chair: Jaimie Leopold

Immediate Past Chair: Sarah Evans

Vice Chair: Diana Jeffrey

Secretary: Valerie Vidal

Treasurer: Terrell Bivins

Member at Large: Francisco Padilla

## Opportunities for Alumni

### **New 90/30 Program Announced with Northern Arizona University**

Pima Community College and Northern Arizona University recently announced a new academic partnership with Northern Arizona University, the first of its kind between an Arizona community college and an in-state university.

The 90/30 partnership allows PCC students to transfer up to 90 credits to NAU towards a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in public management or humanities. The remaining 30 credits can be taken through NAU's distance learning courses online or at NAU's campus in Tucson.

Alumni who have already completed an associate degree at PCC or who have questions about transferring PCC credits to NAU should [contact an advisor](#) at any PCC campus.

### **Start a Second Career with New PCC Programs in Emerging Fields**

Ever wondered how to get started in a second career in retail or wholesale merchandising? Do you like to work with your hands and want to earn extra pay as a cabinet maker? How about embarking on a new career direction in the fast-paced world of integrated circuit design or the high-tech, high-paying field of avionics?

You can get started in these emerging careers and more with PCC's newest degree and certificate programs! The College now offers an associate degree and certificate in Apparel Merchandising for transfer to a four-year university or direct employment, along with a certificate in Customer Service Management, as a part of the PCC's business programs.

PCC also added a new certificate in cabinet making to the Building and Construction Technology program that can lead to direct employment or to an Associate of Applied Science degree. A certificate in Integrated Circuit Layout Design has been added to the very popular Computer

Aided Drafting program, as well as a new certificate in Avionics, that is a part of PCC's industry-recognized Aviation Technology program.

For more information on these or other degree and certificate programs, visit [Pima Community College](#) online or call the Information Center at (520) 206-4500.

## Alumni Salute!

### Where Are They Now?

PCC alumni are found in almost every business and organization. We are always interested in hearing from you. If you'd like to let us know what interesting things you are doing and what experiences you remember about attending Pima Community College, [send us a brief email](#). Be sure to include your full name, mailing address, and the last year you attended PCC. We reserve the right to edit your submission for space and content.

Carmen Amavizca (Salvo) '88 is a faculty member in Writing and is a department head for Communications at PCC's East Campus Northeast Learning Center.

Augie Aguilar '70 says "as I think back, I recognize that none of the opportunities I was fortunate enough to pursue would have been possible had I not attended Pima Community College." One of Pima's first decade graduates, he earned his associates degree through the GI Bill. He recently retired as Risk Management Coordinator for the City of Tucson.

Juan Ciscomani '03, former East Campus student leader finished his bachelor's degree in political science at the University of Arizona. He participated in a Public Policy Fellowship Program in Washington, D.C., and is currently working for the UA as a financial instructor in the Credit-Wise Cats program.

Lisa Cole '03 is attending graduate school at the UA working on a master's degree in fine arts in poetry.

Edward Collette '74 is environmental planning manager for Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Conveyance Division.

Becky Gamez '03, a graduate of PCC's nursing program, is now the owner of her own home health agency. She is one of many whose children have gone on to become second generation Pima alumni.

Amanda McPherson '01 is a preschool supervisor and is working toward a master's degree in early childhood education at NAU.

Mary Navarrette '97 works at PCC as a support specialist in the Industrial Technical Education program.

Pam Rada '04 is employed as a behavioral health representative for CODAC.

Kristyn Reno '08 will receive associate degrees in Business and Liberal Arts this May from PCC. She sings in both of Pima's student choirs.

Martha Retallick '06, graphic designer, photographer, and owner of Western Sky Communications, was among the first graduates (and few women) of PCC's Building and Construction Technology program. She has volunteered for Habitat for Humanity Tucson and for San Diego-based International Relief Teams repairing Katrina-damaged homes along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. An avid bicyclist, Martha pedaled through all 50 of the United States and has published two books about her travels.

Regina Santaniello '07 graduated with an Associate Degree in Welding and works as a welding laboratory technician with hopes of one day becoming a member of the PCC faculty.

## **Upcoming Events**

- April 1 -- PCC Alumni Association Annual General Meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 8 -- PCC to NAU Transfer Day, West Campus, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- April 11 to 13 -- Creative Writing Weekend Workshops, West Campus
- April 15 and 16 -- "Cash for College" Alternatives to Financial Aid, West Campus, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- April 26 -- Family Day, Desert Vista Campus, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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](#).

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Comments or suggestions are welcome at: [alumni@pima.edu](mailto:alumni@pima.edu)

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