



Alumni Newsletter – October 2006

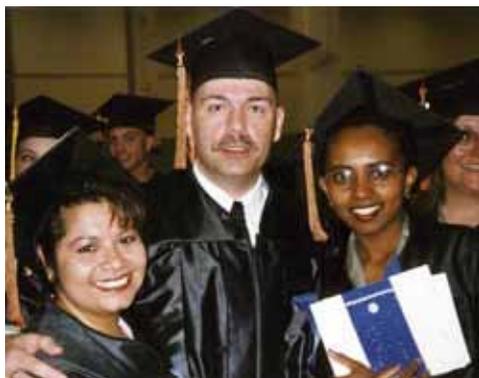
Welcome to the first edition of the Pima Community College Alumni Association's electronic newsletter! With the help of alumni like you, we are working hard to establish an Alumni Association that will bring together former Pima students in a meaningful way, benefiting you, our current students and the College as a whole. This e-newsletter will keep you informed about Alumni Association and Pima Community College news, Opportunities for Alumni, and Upcoming Events.

The establishment of the Alumni Association is a partnership between Pima Community College and the Pima Community College Foundation. A steering committee has been formed to lay the groundwork for the Association, including writing by-laws, electing officers, and creating a plan of action. But to be successful, we need you! Please consider joining us, either by volunteering to serve on the steering committee by emailing alumni@pima.edu, sharing your ideas with Toppo Burke, Alumni Association executive director, (520) 206-4581, or visiting our web site, www.pima.edu/alumni, to register as a member of the Alumni Association.

Watch your email for future notices about the PCC Alumni Association, and explore the College's web site, including the latest Chancellor's Report, for additional information about the great things happening at Pima.

Roy Flores, Ph.D.
Chancellor, Pima Community College

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Chair, PCC Foundation Board of Directors



Earn a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University —without leaving Tucson

The College's new partnership with Indiana University may be an option for you if you want to earn a Bachelor's Degree. The program allows past or present PCC students to earn 60 credits in designated areas of study at PCC, then apply to Indiana University for admission into their "90/30" program. Admitted students can then take 30 additional credits at PCC, and take the

final 30 credits from Indiana University online or through correspondence courses. If you are admitted to this program, you will pay PCC tuition for the first 90 credits. You will pay in-state tuition costs at Indiana University for the final 30 credits (estimated to be approximately \$5,000, including fees, for 30 credits in 2006.)

If you are a PCC graduate or you have earned some PCC credits, you may want to talk with an advisor to see which credits are eligible for transfer in the “90/30” program.

For more information about the program, please contact the College at (520) 206-4500.

You may also want to explore the College’s partnerships with other universities to help you earn a bachelor’s degree in Tucson. In addition to transferring to the University of Arizona or the University of Indiana, you can earn a bachelor’s degree: in business from Troy University or Northern Arizona University; in commerce from the University of Arizona-South; in early childhood education, hotel and restaurant management or interior design from Northern Arizona University, or in management from Park University.

State Legislative Efforts Impact the College

The state legislature, which did not adjourn until late June, approved \$19.6 million in funding this year for Pima Community College, an amount that has remained basically flat for the last five years. Legislators wrangled over a number of issues. Two that became law will require community colleges to:

- Provide the legislature with documentation on all credit and non-credit courses offered.
- Post a flag and a copy of the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights in every classroom and lab by July 2007.

The legislature also approved several initiatives that will be on the ballot this November. Two of these have a direct impact on Pima:

Proposition 300 – Public Program Eligibility: Would require Pima to report to the legislature the number of illegal residents who attempt to apply for classes or who seek child care assistance, scholarships, grants, tuition assistance or in-state tuition aid. If passed, the College could be required to ask students for proof of citizenship when they enroll in classes.

Proposition 101 – Local Property Tax Levies: The Arizona Constitution limits the amount of primary property tax that a county, city, town or community college district may levy. Limits were established in 1980 and may be increased by 2% each year, plus any new construction. The proposition would remove unused taxing capacity (PCC is at its limit so currently has no unused capacity) and restrict each taxing entity’s limit to the actual tax levy limit in 2005. Beginning in 2007, the new levy limit would increase by 2% per year, plus new construction.

Coming Events: Arts & Athletics

Enjoy theater, music, dance as well as athletic events through PCC. Here are just a few of the many events scheduled in the coming months.

- Nov. 4: National Institute of Flamenco
- Nov. 4: Football vs. Arizona Western College
- Nov. 7: Women's Basketball vs. Southwestern College and Men's Basketball Scrimmage against Southwestern College
- Nov. 8 - 19: PCC Theater Arts presents "Night of the Iguana"
- Nov. 11: Baseball vs. Arizona Giants
- Nov. 14: Men's Basketball (Scrimmage) vs. Tucson Cats
- Nov. 20: PCC Jazz Improv Combo

Details on these events are found on the [Center for the Arts Calendar](#) and the [Aztec Athletic Calendar](#).

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

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