



Alumni eNewsletter - October 2007

Welcome to another issue of the Pima Community College Alumni eNewsletter! With this issue, we welcome our 2006 and '07 graduates. We hope you enjoy these updates on exciting opportunities for alumni, features about former students, family activities, and upcoming events offered by your College.

All former students who have taken courses at PCC are considered alumni and eligible to become active members of the Alumni Association. Membership is free. Members receive invitations to events, information on volunteer opportunities, and access to College services. Plus, members can have a say in the types of activities offered to alumni in the future. To join, fill out the [Online Registration Form](#).

All alumni have access to campus career centers, recreation facilities, campus libraries and computer labs -- regardless if you're an Alumni Association member. College career centers offer job skills information and workshops at each campus. Many certificate and degree programs are attractive to alumni looking for job advancement or for those interested in continuing their education. For information on all the available resources for alumni, email the [Alumni Office](#) or call 206-4581.

The College has a variety of resources for local businesses, professional development classes, and other useful services. To learn more about PCC's offerings for local businesses, visit [Pima Community College Workforce and Business Development](#).

Alumni Association News

Alumni Association Elects Officers

The PCC Alumni Association elected its first slate of officers at the annual General Meeting in April. The newly elected officers are: Chairperson, Sarah Evans; Vice Chairperson, Jaimie Leopold; Secretary, Terrell Bivins; Treasurer, Mark Hanna; Member at Large, Juan Ciscomani; and Interim Past Chair, Francisco Padilla.

The Alumni Board meets regularly to discuss plans for the Association as well as other important topics concerning alumni. Currently, the Association is working on a schedule for alumni social events and other membership benefits. If you're interested in attending a meeting or working with the Alumni Board, email the [Alumni Office](#) or call 206-4581.



**Kick off the Holiday Season with Pima Alumni at Zoo Lights!
December 5th, 6-9 p.m.**

It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays. Kick off the holiday season this year with an Alumni Association event that's fun for the entire family! On Wednesday, December 5, join fellow PCC alumni and friends as we gather for a private preview of the holiday "Zoo Lights" celebration from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Tucson Reid Park Zoo.

It'll be a fun time for all as the Zoo will feature wonderful decorations and twinkling lights for the holiday season. Holiday snacks and entertainment are included in the \$5 per person contribution to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. Children under seven years old are free. A special "behind the scenes" tour is also planned for an additional \$20 that benefits the Alumni Association.

Look for your invitation by email in November. For more information or to submit an early RSVP, email the [Alumni Office](#) or call 206-4581.

PCC's 40th Anniversary - Got Stories?

Did you know that Pima Community College will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2009? In celebration of the College's proud service to the community, the Alumni Association is gathering photos and stories about our four decades of student experiences. We need your stories and photographs of your experience at Pima Community College! We also need volunteers to help with the planning of the celebration. If you have an interesting story to share, want to submit a photo, or want to get involved with the anniversary celebration, contact the [Alumni Office](#) or call 206-4581.



Alumni Salute!

When alumna Kerri Strunk told a PCC advisor she wanted to be a lawyer, she was told to take up subjects that really interested her because grades would matter when applying to law schools.

Kerri heeded that advice, studying political science and women's studies at PCC. After getting off to a great start at PCC, she transferred to Arizona State University and graduated summa cum laude. She then applied for and

was accepted to the UCLA School of Law.

“I was the first in my family to get a college degree. Pima Community College forever changed me for the better. Starting here helped me get into one of the top 20 law schools in the country.”

Kerri attended Rincon and Cholla High Schools. Like many PCC students, she worked while attending classes to pay her way through college. In law school, she clerked with the Western Law Center for Disability Rights as an advocate for parents and children with learning disabilities. She now practices family law with a firm near Los Angeles.

Kerri hopes to return to Tucson someday to work and live. She is another outstanding example of the many paths alumni find in their personal and professional lives after getting off to a great start at Pima Community College.

College News



PCC Proposes New Healthcare Campus

In response to a call from the Governor, the Arizona Legislature, and area residents, Pima Community College is proposing to address the critical shortage of health care professionals by creating a new Health Care Campus. You may have heard about this in previous College releases.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Arizona falls short of the state's demand for graduates in health care fields by as much as 86% annually. The prospect of a new campus dedicated to health care professions is an exciting opportunity for the College and for Pima County. The Health Care Campus would enable PCC to graduate larger numbers of critically-needed health care workers and improve access to health care education. The College's proposal is currently under review for inclusion in Pima County's 2008 bond election.

A Health Care Campus would create new opportunities for continuing education, training, and additional degrees and certificates for new and current health care workers -- many of whom are PCC alumni. Expanding the College's capacity for health-related education means a larger number of graduates in health care fields qualified to work in the Tucson area -- benefiting all Pima County residents. To find out more about this important initiative, call the College at 206-4500.

Opportunities for Alumni

Register now for Late Start, Self-paced, Accelerated, Express Format, and Personal Interest Classes

Did you know PCC offers over 160 academic programs and degrees that can lead to professional certification, direct employment and/or university transfer? PCC also offers a variety of late start, self-paced, and Express Format classes that can meet the needs of just about anyone. Check out the entire list of [Late Start Classes](#) that may interest you.

The College also offers a wide variety of non-credit, personal interest courses in fitness, recreation, and study tours year-round, as well as unique learning opportunities for retirees and seniors. Check out the entire list of [Personal Interest Courses](#) online or call 206-4500 for more information.

Creative Writing Weekend Workshops October 5th-December 1st, West Campus

PCC's vibrant writing program offers several ways to spark your interest in creative writing or sharpen your skills as an aspiring author. Explore techniques that have helped successful writers advance their professional and teaching careers.

October 19-21

Poetry-Writing Intensive WRT 298T2 (CRN: 13952)

Sharpen your skills in creating powerful images and increase your ability to shape language with lyrical and emotional intensity in the believable voice with poet and National Endowment Fellow Steve Kowit.

November 10, 17, & December 1

Book & Graphic Novel Illustration WRT 298T5 (CRN: 13953)

Bring your story to life by illustrating rich characters, interesting environments, and assemble them into a professionally crafted book. This three-part workshop focuses on media, technique, and page layout with your original illustrations scanned and incorporated into a book format for print. Professional art director and PCC instructor Dennis Landry leads this intensive, hands-on workshop.

Cost for each workshop is \$109 for Arizona residents including fees. Students receive two credits (Writing 298) upon completion of each course. All workshops on Fridays are from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Current PCC students may [register online](#) or by calling (520) 206-4880. Registration for all others is required in person at any campus. For more information, contact [Meg Files](#) or call 206-6084.

It's a Major Decision! Exploration of Career Interests/Transfer Opportunities October 9th, 11 a.m-2 p.m. & 4-6 p.m. Downtown Campus

Explore your career interests and expand your horizons at PCC during the “It’s a Major Decision” fair going on at Downtown Campus on October 9. Alumni can learn how additional certificates, internships, and degrees can lead to rewarding careers. You can also find out ways to transfer PCC credits to an Arizona university. University representatives and PCC advisors will be on hand to answer questions. PCC Career Center staff will provide valuable information on job market trends and useful tips on getting into exciting occupations. To find out more, call the College at 206-4500.

PCC Foundation Awards Scholarships

The PCC Foundation awarded nearly \$500,000 in scholarships to over 600 PCC students this Fall semester. Each of the scholarships is a result of generous gifts from individuals, organizations, businesses and foundations. The PCC Foundation’s scholarship application process was streamlined this year with the addition of an online application. The online application for the 2008-09 academic year will be available February 1, 2008. For information about making a scholarship gift, email the [PCC Foundation](#) or call 206-4646.

Opportunity for Employers: Move Your Business Forward with PCC Workforce and Business Development

Do your employees need to upgrade their skills and training? The PCC Workforce and Business Development (WBD) division provides customized training and education services that can increase productivity and profits for your business.

From communication and workplace skills to new software and customer service, WBD’s highly qualified professional staff can help you implement the right training at the right time. Focused on local Tucson employers, WBD can assess your specific training needs and propose an effective plan to meet your goals. Using curriculum-based training with over a decade of proven results for local companies of all sizes, WBD’s custom workshops and courses can help you achieve the highest return on your most important investment.

To learn more, visit PCC’s [Workforce and Business Development](#) online or call 206-6569 today.

Upcoming Events

- October 9 - It's a Major Decision Fair, Downtown Campus
- October 18 - Late Start, Second 8-week Session begins
- October 27 - "Little Centers of Horror" Safe Halloween Celebration, East Campus/
William Clements Recreation Center
- October 27 - Trunk O' Treat Halloween Celebration, Northwest Campus/Northwest
YMCA

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

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

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