

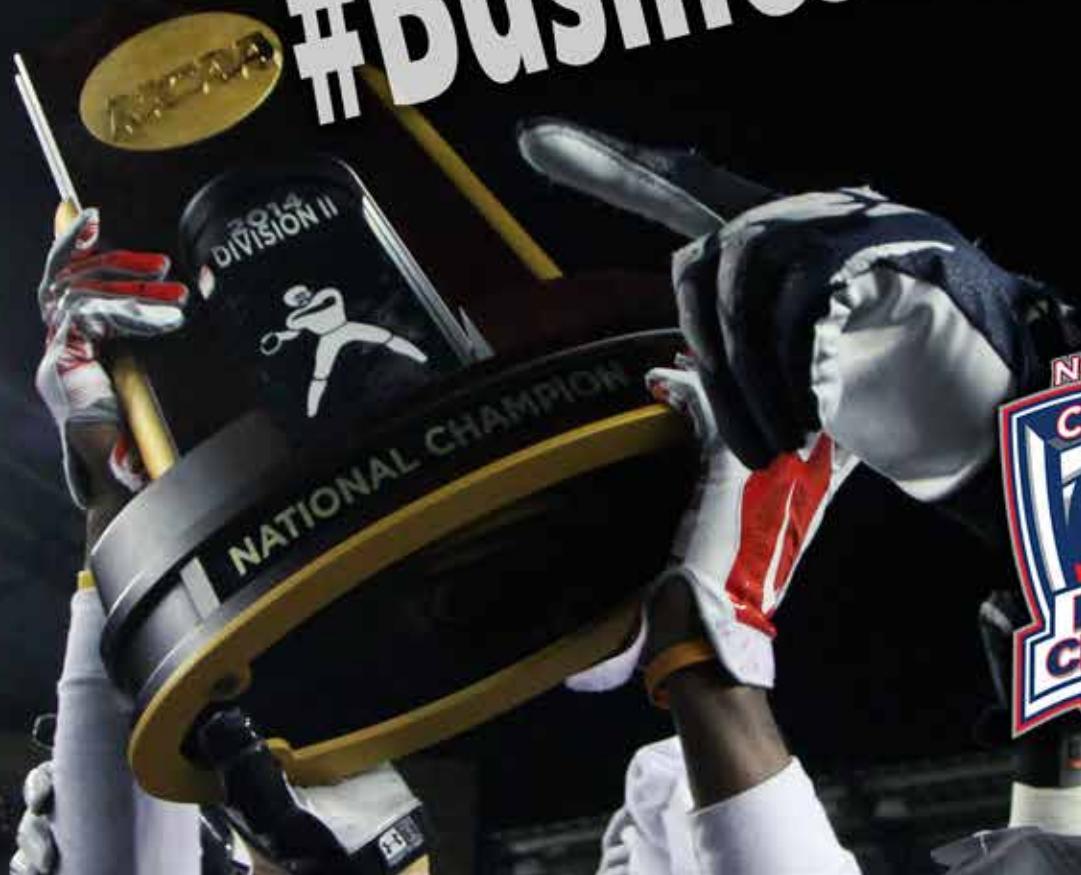
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CSU-Pueblo Ballet Folklorico won the "The Best of the Best" trophy at the Competencia Folklórica de Tejas hosted at Del Mar College and Performance Hall, Corpus Christi, Tex., last spring. Under the direction of Iskra Merino and Dr. Dora Luz Cobian-Klein, Ballet Folklorico bested more than 500 dancers from 27 dance groups from the United States and Mexico to win first and second place in the University Group Division.

President's *Gala* A LEGENDARY EVENING

President Lesley Di Mare hosted 410 attendees at the President's Gala in May that featured a legendary family legacy and five Pueblo legends followed by the music of Pueblo's own, Martini Shot. For the third consecutive year, the University hosted a reunion of former Associated Students' Government Presidents and Vice Presidents prior to the gala thanks to 2001 alumnus, Chris Turner (ASG president 1998-2000).

The event raised \$102,000 for the benefit of CSU-Pueblo students and programs thanks to underwriting, sponsorships, and text pledges made at the event along with matching grants from the CSU System (\$5,000), Nunn Construction (\$3,000), Slaterpaul Hord Coplan Macht (\$3,000), Southern Colorado Community Foundation (\$3,000), Walmart (\$2,500), and the Media Center (\$1,000).

A friendly text challenge for highest contributions and largest number of donors was won by the TWOLF team, who all received commemorative National Football Championship coins for their victory.

Five honorees received President's Medallions for serving as examples for CSU-Pueblo students and the campus community through their profession, exceptional service, and/or contributions to humanity:



Service to the Community
Jack Quinn



Service to the University
Neta, A55, and Eddie DeRose, A54



Service to Education
Henry Roman, A69



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Brookings Survey Touts Economic Outcomes.

CSU-Pueblo ranked second among all four-year institutions in the state of Colorado in terms of the value-added benefits it provides its students, according to a Brookings Institute report that evaluated two- and four-year colleges' contribution to alumni economic outcomes. CSU-Pueblo was second among all Colorado four-year schools in the earnings category, which is the percentage increase or decrease in mid-career salary above or below what is predicted based on student and school characteristics. The Brookings report used government and private data sources, analyzes the value of colleges based on the economic success of its graduates by measuring income, occupations and loan repayment rates. The report, which captures the contributions that the colleges themselves make to their graduates' eventual economic success, is the first to develop a measure of "value added" for two- and four-year colleges.

New Yorker Nod. The February 2015 issue of the New Yorker included, "The Pursuit of Beauty," which chronicled an international mathematical breakthrough that occurred at the home of CSU-Pueblo music faculty member Jacob Chi. The article about Yitang Zhang, a solitary, part-time calculus teacher at the University of New Hampshire who received several prizes, including a MacArthur award in September, for solving a problem that had been open for more than 150 years also references Chi's son and Pueblo's Fourth of July Celebration. Read the feature here: <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/02/02/pursuit-beauty>.

Publication Earns Kudos.

The fall 2014 issue of the CSU-Pueblo Today magazine was named Best Student Magazine at the Mark of Excellence luncheon at the Society of Professional Journalists' (SPJ) Region 9 conference on April 25 in Denver. The luncheon honored student journalists from throughout SPJ's Region 9, which includes Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.



Arwood Earns Threlkeld Prize. A non-traditional student and aspiring accountant with a family ThunderWolf legacy was named the 2015 recipient of the Threlkeld Prize for Excellence. As the Threlkeld recipient, Robin Arwood received the first diploma at the May 2 commencement ceremony. Named for the late Budge Threlkeld, a former administrator and professor, the award is presented to a graduating senior who demonstrates excellence in academic and co-curricular activities as well as in service to the University and to the community. Following graduation, Arwood was hired by CSU-Pueblo's Business Financial Services, where she had been a student employee. She plans to take the Certified Public Accountants' exam and eventually pursue a master's degree in accounting. Arwood follows a long list of family members to the Belmont campus, including her father, Charles Arwood, A64, who was a member of a Pueblo Junior College championship tennis team, an aunt, Linda Arwood Young, as well as her mother Kathie Arwood, A86, and brother Richard Fortner, A87.

Beverly A. Moore Art Gallery Dedication



To celebrate a career of philanthropic contributions to CSU-Pueblo and the Pueblo arts community, the Beverly A. Moore Gallery was officially dedicated to former University Library Dean Beverly Moore (third from left) last December. In more than three decades with the University Library, she exhibited significant leadership and dedication to the success of University students and faculty alike.

Featured Faculty

Pueblo Mathematics Professor Janet Heine Barnett was awarded the Burton W. Jones Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics by the Rocky Mountain Section of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA). She also became the Section's 2016 nominee for the Association's National Distinguished Teaching Award. David Dillon, assistant professor of chemistry, earned the 2015 Faculty Excellence in Teaching. While Organic Chemistry may strike fear in the minds of many students, Dillon has made significant contributions to their success in this traditionally difficult subject.



ANDY GRAMMER

Recording Artist and Dancing with the Stars Celebrity

Friday, January 29, 2016

8 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m.

Colorado State Fair Events Center

Grammer's single "Honey, I'm Good" was the second single released from his *Magazines or Novels* album, and peaked at number 9 on the Billboard Hot 100, making it his highest charting single to date.

Because the concert is funded primarily through student fees, CSU-Pueblo students will receive one free ticket and can purchase an additional ticket for \$10. Tickets for the general public will be \$25 each at altitudetickets.com.

The Shriners are known for their generous philanthropic nature, especially as it relates to children, but the 2010 gift of an old drum to CSU-Pueblo now has the campus moving to a different beat. CSU-Pueblo Materials Supervisor Anthony Bonfiglio approached Owen Hunt of Stickies Stickers who then carried the project through to completion. The refurbished drum now has a prominent place at home football games.





International Integration

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ith a CSU-Pueblo student population of nearly 50 percent ethnic minority, it's becoming difficult to even identify an international student. Adding to that dilemma is the fact that these students are increasingly more integrated into the university culture, serving as officers of student organizations, winning top student employee awards, and inspiring their teammates in CSU-Pueblo's intercollegiate athletic program.

Annie Williams has spent more than three decades at CSU-Pueblo in international student services and has seen the international student numbers ebb and flow along with support from various administrations. The current administration has international recruiting as an integral part of a larger scope of recruiting activities.

She said the composition of the international student population changes about every 7-10 years.

"In the 1970-80s, America and CSU-Pueblo saw students from the Middle East because of government programs that kept associate degree programs full, then in the 1990s the population tended to be from Nepal and Europe, and now it's Latin America," she said. "China, India, and South Korea are always in the top five countries attending American schools."

Post 9/11 effects brought the University's lowest international enrollment period from Spring 2004 – Spring 2006. In Spring of 2005, just 76 international students enrolled compared to high enrollment marks of upwards of 400 students per semester in the 1970s, mostly from the Middle East, Malaysia and Venezuela – all due to government sponsorship programs. In the early 2000s, along with the negative effects caused by Sept. 11, 2001, CSU-Pueblo did not have increasing international enrollment as part of its implementation, as per the strategic plan. Not too long after, the University changed this strategy and began strengthening the financial aid package available to international students.

"This, coupled with our excellent reputation with the US Embassy in Kathmandu, brought about an increase of 44 percent in the foreign student population, primarily students from Nepal," Williams said, which brought numbers back into the 200s.

Williams is thrilled to now have dedicated budgets to carry out recruitment plans that include the creation of publications in Mandarin, Spanish, and Korean and the hiring of 2012 Venezuelan international graduate and mass communications major Anais Escobar, A12, who is hitting recruitment fairs in Central and South America with gusto but also using the

latest in technology to save travel dollars. More than 300 prospective students from Latin America have participated in webinars and Google “hangouts,” discussing everything from host families and financial aid to special programming. Another cost saving measure has been the use of alumni who have returned to their home country. With the utilization of alumni recruiters, there are no plane tickets or translators required. The Center for International Programs (CIP) office also asks university international faculty to make contacts when they return to their homelands for visits to aid in recruitment initiatives as well.

The University has enhanced its international student life offerings for the benefit of both American and international students. The University established an on-campus prayer room for Muslims, and CIP celebrates a variety of international holidays from Holi and Eid to the Chinese New Year.

The number of partnership and exchange agreements with schools in other countries continues to increase, and currently includes universities in Thailand, France, Korea, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Mexico, and China. Even though many of the partner schools offer scholarships, Williams said the exchange primarily has been one way with few CSU-Pueblo students taking advantage of the opportunities.

Athletic Attraction

Nowhere is the recruitment and integration of the international student population more apparent than in the University’s intercollegiate and club athletics programs where 26 of the University’s 500+ athletes come from outside the United States. Recruiting is accomplished in many ways, from the internet and word of mouth by previous student-athletes to school reputation and international office staff on their visits to various countries.



Men’s and women’s tennis coach Mark Schleif boasts six international student-athletes representing Kazakhstan, the United Kingdom, France, Australia, Columbia, and Brazil. He believes the international student-athlete contributes in various ways to the health of his program.

“Their experience in international play helps the team identify and combat the different styles and tactics used by international players from other teams in competition,” he said. “Their personalities, humor, and study behavior set a



standard for a positive team environment and the addition of various points of view coming from different ethnic backgrounds and lifestyles, help to enhance team unity.”

Women’s soccer coach Paul Regrutto primarily recruits from American junior colleges, and his roster now includes players from Australia, Mexico, and Canada.

“They bring a different perspective and teach our student-athletes about the cultures from which they come,” he said. “Everyone

gravitates towards them to learn from them. I have intentionally gone after them as they improve our team chemistry.”

The men’s racquetball team has won 16 national titles since 1992 in no small measure because of the work of Dr. Richard Krinsky, who has attracted more than his share of national racquetball champions from other countries, primarily Mexico, to earn degrees while bringing their athletic prowess to the U.S.

An American MBA

The Hasan School of Business tends to enroll the largest numbers of international students. Kristyn White Davis, an HSB academic advisor, said the School has 18 international MBA students enrolled this fall and another 20-30 international undergraduate students. She said business faculty appreciate the “international” viewpoints the students bring to the classroom as well as their cultures and history, which create dynamic discussions about global markets and changes in business world-wide. She said the international business students are fully integrated into the School, serving as tutors and officers in many HSB student organizations.



The University attracts numerous German students, many of whom transfer in nine credits and earn their MBA in two semesters. While the Germans typically return home after completing their degrees, international students from India, Africa, and Latin American tend to remain in America to seek employment.

“America is still the land of milk and honey, and international students still want an American MBA, which is interesting since German universities are free or greatly reduced in terms of tuition,” Williams said.



ARE WE THERE YET???



Hall of Fame inductee Jessie Banks ponders the state of women's athletics

Born in 1935 in a one-bedroom house east of an old oak tree near Rounds Creek, Okla., Jessie Banks learned her basketball skills on a dirt court outside of a consolidated school with two rooms and an outdoor toilet. There weren't enough girls or boys for a team of their own, so they played together. This explains her lifetime search for equality in athletics.

Credited with the development of the women's athletics program at CSU-Pueblo and a charter member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Banks has witnessed significant progress in opportunities for women through athletics, but her answer to whether equality in athletics exists, is a resounding NO.

An all-state basketball and softball player (the only sports offered) her senior year at Lindsay (OK) High School, Banks signed with the All-American Redheads since women's collegiate basketball did not exist. The Redheads originated in Missouri where CM "Olie" Olsen sponsored the Olson's Terrible

Swedes men's team. His wife, Doyle, owned a beauty shop in Cassville, Mo., and wanted to sponsor a women's team, which they aptly named the Redheads, because the players dyed their hair with henna...and later Miss Clairol #9. Olie recruited AAU All-American females who played solely men's teams across the country from 1939-86.

Banks called joining the Redheads "the best decision I ever made."

"I was a small town girl who didn't know much and wasn't ready for college," she said. "In 1954, I couldn't get a college basketball scholarship, but my boyfriend could, and I said, 'That's not fair!'"

She played with the Redheads from 1954-59 for \$3,000 a year, which included room and board, uniforms, and a "green towel," strategically assigned to players so that white motel towels wouldn't be ruined by the applications of red hair dye. Each of the players also performed special tricks at halftime with Banks juggling up to three basketballs at a time. The education she received on the road was more than she could have imagined.



Coach Banks and her players take a break.

"I didn't even know what pizza was, and our coach loved history so much he had us stop at all sorts of historical sites along the way from swamps and Plymouth Rock to the gulfs and redwood forests," Banks said.

Her search for equality in athletics became even more pronounced as she traveled the country.

"We would sign autographs for little girls and I would think, 'They don't have a chance!' Banks said. "I couldn't understand why women weren't competing on the collegiate level."

After five years with the Redheads, Banks knew her quest was for women to compete at the college level, but she wasn't certain how to accomplish it. She just knew education was a necessary next step, so she played in the Women's Recreational Association at the University of Central Oklahoma while pursuing her bachelor's degree in physical education.

"I used to argue with my professors about taking some coaching classes, but they said there was no reason for me to do so," she said.

She moved to Colorado to teach at a Colorado Springs middle school but knew change had to come first at the college level, so she got her master's degree at Adams State. While there, she got the phone call that would change her trajectory. She has no idea how Southern Colorado State College Administrator Budge Threkeld knew to contact her, but she was offered a teaching position in 1966 with a "very, very, very low salary." After she signed, legendary basketball coach and then athletics director Harry Simmons nonchalantly added, "Oh, by the way, I want you to start a women's athletic program."

"I had no coaching salary and no equipment funds, so we used the men's balls, shared uniforms for basketball and volleyball, and drove our own cars to away games," Banks said. "But I thought, at least we've got it started."

Banks taught at SCSC/USC from 1966-96 but only coached until 1985. Her salary was for her teaching, not coaching, although she did eventually get some release time to coach. In those days, funding for the athletics program came from student council. Her women's teams began by playing AAU until the Intermountain Conference for Women was formed.

"I was at the meeting in 1971 in Overland Park, Kan., where we formed the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW)," Banks said. "I was a small fish in a big pond, but I got to vote."

After that, Banks saw the barriers begin to fall. The AIAW operated from 1971-85, Title IX passed in 1972, which prohibited gender discrimination by any school that receives federal funds, and, in 1981, the first NCAA championship for women was awarded. Banks firmly believes that if not for Title IX legislation, it may have taken another 70 years to get where we are today.

The last decade has brought Banks well-deserved recognition for her role as a pioneer in women's athletics with induction to the CSU-Pueblo Athletics Hall of Fame (2007), the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame (2015), and her proudest moment, induction to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame as an All-American Redhead (2012).

She remains an avid fan of both men's and women's ThunderWolf athletes, but at age 80, she knows others will have to carry the baton if the quest for equality is to be achieved.

"Are we there yet? No. We are not equal relative to budget, salaries, and scholarships," Banks said. "There are too many men coaching women and not enough women coaching the men. We need more Becky Hammons (assistant coach for the San Antonio Spurs of the National Basketball Association)."



All American Redheads, 1936-86, 2012 inductees to the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame



Clavichord Keys open doors to the Past

It is rare for music students to actually build the instrument they study and play. Enter a clavichord that was built by CSU-Pueblo music students and featured at the Baroque Celebration for keyboard and string instruments last February.

Last fall, Assistant Music Professor Dr. Zahari Metchkov and four music students constructed a clavichord, a European stringed keyboard instrument known from the late Medieval through the Renaissance, Baroque and Classical eras. Utilizing a kit, the construction team gained skills working with wood, stringing, drilling, and gluing. Metchkov said while the clavichord is simple in concept – a hammer making contact with a string – it was much more difficult in construction. The clavichord produces sound by striking brass or iron strings with small metal blades called tangents. Vibrations are transmitted through the bridge(s) to the soundboard.



Saskia Hassan



Joshua Floyd, Peter Biro

"Students participated in every aspect of the process all the while learning the specifics of the instrument itself and how the construction relates to keyboard playing from harpsichord to the modern piano," Metchkov said.

In addition to exploring the making of the instrument, students in the Clavichord History/Construction class discussed important elements of 16th, 17th, and 18th Century musical environment in Central Europe. The course had three components: the study of historical background, the study of clavichord repertoire, and the building of the clavichord itself.

Metchkov fine tuned the instrument in preparation for its inaugural concert during last February's Baroque Celebration, where participants received hands-on experience with Baroque instruments while learning about musical masters from the 1600s as well as the Baroque historical period. The instrument was available for viewing and playing to the audience in an "instrument petting zoo" type of setting. Students also discussed the construction of the newly built clavichord and demonstrated its capabilities.

For now, the instrument does not have a dedicated room in the

music department, which limits access to special events or certain classroom lectures. Interested persons will have several opportunities to hear and see the instrument in the coming months. The clavichord will be used for two lectures this Spring—one to the Southern Colorado Music Teaching Association and one to the Foothills Music Teachers Association (Denver area). Metchkov will use the instrument in a Classical Era Celebration Festival from 2-6 p.m. on February 13, 2016 in Hoag Recital Hall and also hopes to organize a viewing area for it at the Colorado State Music Teachers Association State Conference, which will take place at CSU-Pueblo for the second straight year.

"No plans exist to teach a similar class in the future," Metchkov said. "This was a truly unique experience."

"Students participated in every aspect of the process all the while learning the specifics of the instrument itself..."

—Dr. Zahari Metchkov



The Yeti is **TOUGH** ENOUGH

Josh Bredl earns \$250,000 WWE contract

Last April, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) received more than 11,000 video submissions for the sixth season of its action-packed reality show *Tough Enough*. In late August, former Colorado State University-Pueblo football standout Josh Bredl, A15 (Thornton, Colo.) won the competition and was awarded a one-year, \$250,000 WWE contract.

"I've put in a lot of hard work the past 10 weeks, and I think it really showed physically, emotionally," Bredl said on WWE Network's *Tough Talk*. "I grew as a human here. I got the itch...I'm infected. I'm all in on this thing."

Seven male competitors started the 10-week reality television series, which was narrowed to two for the finale. Originally a cast of 13 (seven males and six females), each week a competitor was selected to the bottom three by a panel of WWE judges and then a fan vote decided who was no longer tough enough. Both final contestants competed in a live match versus WWE Superstar Cesaro. At the end of the show, the fans gave Bredl the victory with 70 percent of the vote.

Bredl won *Tough Enough* by capturing the WWE Universe with his size and improved wrestling skills, but more importantly his developing character, "The Yeti," a character that got its start at the Neta and Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl.

Bredl (2009-14) played a key role both on defense and special teams in CSU-Pueblo's run to the 2014 NCAA Division II National Championship. An All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Honorable Mention in 2014, Bredl compiled 24 tackles (21 solo) with four sacks (-23 yards) and two fumble recoveries. He brought one fumble back 66 yards to the end zone and blocked a field goal attempt in the national championship game. Following the season, Bredl earned a rookie mini-camp invitation from the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.



Bredl will be featured on the WWE Network's new reality show *WWE Breaking Ground*, which will document the trials and tribulations of the athletes training at the WWE Performance Center and competing inside the yellow ropes of NXT. The show premiered on Monday, Oct. 26.

#WTLG to #BusinessAsUsual

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hen the ThunderWolves football team captured the 2014 NCAA Division II National Championship Dec. 20, defeating then-No. 1 Minnesota State University, Mankato 13-0 at Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kan., they fulfilled the cryptic #WTLG (Win the Last Game) command that had been printed on shirts by Head Coach John Wristen early in the season. The victory also put to bed the #UnfinishedBusiness tagline that the Sports Information Office had used to spur excitement and attendance through the 2014 playoff run to the championships.

With the start of the 2015 football season, the same Sports Information Office promoted ticket sales and first game attendance with a #BusinessAsUsual social media metatag, making the point that in seven short years, winning has become an expectation and a mindset.

The 2014 ThunderWolves finished the regular season with a program record 14-1 mark and its fourth consecutive Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference championship with an 8-1 record to share the crown with Colorado School of Mines. They entered their fourth straight NCAA Playoff appearance as the No. 2 seed in Super Region Four. After a first round bye, the Pack defeated No. 23 Angelo State University, 52-14. In the quarterfinals, CSU-Pueblo welcomed No. 9 Ohio Dominican University and used a fourth quarter punt return to record a 31-28 victory and advance to the NCAA Semifinals for the first time in program history and the first time a RMAC team had reached the semifinals in the NCAA Division II Playoffs.

The Pack punched their ticket to the national championship game with a gritty 10-7 home victory against No. 25 University of West Georgia. The ThunderWolves trailed 7-3 after the first quarter, then broke the stalemate in the fourth quarter with a 38-yard trick play to earn a trip to Kansas City.



The CSU-Pueblo defense, guided by Defensive Coordinator Hunter Hughes, was the story of the championship game, the first American football game at Sporting Park. Minnesota State entered the game averaging 42.9 points per game but was held scoreless by a Pack defense that touted five All-Americans. Senior Paul Browning had the lone touchdown reception for the ThunderWolves on a play that will be forever etched in the minds of CSU-Pueblo football players, coaches, fans, and boosters.

After the confetti had been cleaned up at the stadium, a proud Pueblo community rallied to welcome home their champions. A January 23 Celebration of Champions began with a 4 p.m. parade down Union Ave. followed by a pep rally/ceremony in newly renovated Memorial Hall. The ceremony included State of Colorado and City of Pueblo proclamations, a variety of videos and congratulatory messages from well wishers and introductions of players and coaches. Thousands of fans then sought coach and player photographs and autographs at a block party/fan zone inside heated tents alongside the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo.

Besides the January 23 events, the Department of Athletics honored the National Championship football team at half time of the ThunderWolves men's basketball game on January 31 in Massari Arena. Team members also were recognized as part of the Dec. 28, 2014 game between the Denver Broncos and Oakland Raiders at Sports Authority Field.

The 2015 ThunderWolves began the season with a target on their backs as defending national champions. The business at hand would be that every team they faced would be playing their best game and looking for the upset.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS 2014

The 2015 season started much like the 2014 one ended with a 41-14 victory on regional television against Central Washington University. The Pack went on the road the following week and suffered a 31-30 setback to West Texas A&M University. With questions floating if this version of the Pack would be able to live up to its predecessor, the ThunderWolves won seven straight games and returned to #BusinessAsUsual, outscoring their opponents 374-131.

The Denver Post declared the ThunderWolves “the class of Division II” in its Oct. 25 issue after the then No. 6-ranked ThunderWolves hosted No. 7 Colorado Mines in a Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference game on Oct. 24. Senior tailback Cameron McDondle set a school record as he rushed for 308 yards en route to a 49-21 victory over the Oregidders (7-1, 5-1) before 7,265 at the ThunderBowl.



At press time, the ThunderWolves had all three phases of the game rolling and at 9-1, 8-0 in the RMAC, looked to be emotionally and physically ready for another RMAC crown and a championship fight. With its fifth straight RMAC Championship and NCAA Playoff appearance in sight, CSU-Pueblo ranked 4th in the Nov. 9 AFCA poll behind Northwest Missouri, Ferris State, and Ashland.

NFL Business Deals

The National Football League has increasingly looked to ThunderWolf athletes as part of its business plans. At the start of the summer, eight Pack products were signed or earned tryouts with NFL teams. Eight has become three as two landed roster spots and one recently was called to tryout with the Denver Broncos.

Ryan Jensen (2009-12) – Jensen was drafted in the 6th round of the 2013 NFL Draft by the Baltimore Ravens. He played one regular season and one playoff game in 2014 and was re-signed in 2015 and has played as a reserve offensive lineman and on special teams.



Paul Browning (2010-14) – Browning was invited to a rookie mini-camp tryout with the Cleveland Browns and earned a free agent contract before being released. The Carolina Panthers picked him up for training camp and he played in three preseason games before being waived. In November, he signed a rookie contract with the Arena Football League's Orlando Predators.

Chase Vaughn (2008-09) – Vaughn signed a future contract with the Denver Broncos in January and participated in his second consecutive training camp with the organization, but was waived during the first round of cuts. He eventually signed a practice squad contract with Winnipeg of the CFL.

Josh Bredl (2009-14) – Bredl earned a rookie mini-camp tryout with the Green Bay Packers, but after not being picked up by the Packers or any NFL team, he found his way on World Wrestling Entertainment's reality series Tough Enough and earned a one-year, \$250,000 WWE contract.

Chris Bonner (2013-14) – Bonner earned rookie mini-camp tryouts with both the Carolina Panthers and Kansas City Chiefs in May, but nothing materialized and he returned to finish his business degree and serve as a student assistant coach for the 2015 ThunderWolves.



Mike Pennel (2013) – Pennel signed with the Green Bay Packers as a non-drafted free agent in 2014. He earned a spot on the 53-man roster following training camp and played in 13 regular season games last season and two playoff games for the Packers. This season, he has nine tackles through six games as a starter on the defensive line.

C.J. Roberts (2010-14) – Roberts signed an undrafted free agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals but was waived before final rosters were announced. In October, Roberts signed a practice squad contract with the Canadian Football League's Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

Darius Allen (2011-14) – Allen was signed to an undrafted free agent contract by the Baltimore Ravens following the draft, but was waived by the team in May.

Photos courtesy Baltimore Ravens and Green Bay Packers



Three Generations of Schmuesers Build a Legacy of Education

Pride, family, tradition... all items that might be viewed as a legacy. All things that remain close to your heart. Colorado State University–Pueblo is proud to be part of a legacy of higher education established by the Larry Schmueser family of Rifle, Colo., that also has produced a successful family business.

Three generations of the Schmueser family have attended and graduated from what is now known as Colorado State University–Pueblo. Larry Schmueser, Sr., A66, attended Southern Colorado State College (SCSC) when it was housed on the Orman campus. He studied construction management and is the founder of Schmueser and Associates, Inc., a heavy civil and industrial general contractor that since 1980 has provided new construction, plant maintenance, and turnaround services to a diverse range of industries including mining, oil and gas, power generation, manufacturing, communications, and public infrastructure. The company takes particular pride in its ability and reputation to perform difficult projects, often in remote locations. With a corporate office in Rifle, Colo., it has regional offices in Winnemucca, Nev., Henderson, Nev., and a fabrication facility in Grand Junction, Colo.

Schmueser, Sr., remembers fondly the time spent earning his degree including field trips to the Pueblo Dam, which was under construction at the time. The chance to interact with the surveyors and engineers on that particular project had a lasting impact on him.

After working in Alaska, Larry Schmueser, Jr., A82, decided to follow in his father's footsteps and enroll at what had become the University of Southern Colorado (USC). Schmueser, Jr. studied civil engineering technology and serves as the current president and owner of Schmueser and Associates, Inc.

"My education from this university has assisted in enabling me to fulfill a family legacy, continue a tradition, and provide my son with great opportunity," said Schmueser, Jr.

Larry Schmueser, III, A15 & 16, received his bachelor's degree in construction management in Spring of 2015, and will graduate with his Master of Business Administration in 2016 from now CSU-Pueblo. Schmueser, III, also competed as a member of the CSU-Pueblo Wrestling team and received numerous scholarships while attending the university, including the CSU-Pueblo Alumni Association Scholarship.

Schmueser, III, also will use his degrees to carry on the family business. While he considered obtaining his education elsewhere, he knew CSU-Pueblo would be a perfect fit for him based on the quality of the degrees both father and grandfather received here.

"We have a long tradition at this institution," says Schmueser, Jr., "and I'm glad my son chose CSU-Pueblo. Thanks to the scholarships he received, this provides our family an opportunity to continue our legacy of education here and enables us to give back to the institution to support scholarships for future students."

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Schmueser and Associates also hire CSU-Pueblo alumni.

"We try to hire alumni from this institution because we believe in the quality of the programs here and the quality of the education that all students are receiving," said Schmueser, Jr.

Seeing his alma mater develop, challenge, and educate future generations is a great source of pride for Schmueser, Sr.

"I definitely see the quality of the education that the students are receiving here."

While the name of the institution may have changed and the campus increased in size, what remains constant for the Larry Schmueser family is the quality of the education and the pride they feel for their alma mater.



Going the Distance

Meet two hard-working, dedicated Foundation scholarship recipients



in 12 miles, and then attending class later in the morning. Last year, Derrick ran an average of 65.8 miles per week.

Derrick wishes to pursue a career as a physiatrist (rehabilitation physician). He wants to combine his passion for athletics with knowledge gained through his coursework at CSU-Pueblo. He wishes to work with elite athletes to help them be better within their respective sports. "I research a lot; I like to spend time researching any and everything. People call me an overachiever but I know that one day being an overachiever will be the reason that people will call me boss," he said.

"CSU-Pueblo has helped me in almost every aspect of my life. I am lucky that I get to run; I am lucky that I get to attend CSU-Pueblo. My father moved from Jamaica with the dream that his kids would have more opportunities than he had.

"CSU-Pueblo has provided me more opportunities than my dad ever hoped. The pursuit of my passions in academics and athletics without financial concerns would not be possible without the support of this school and community."

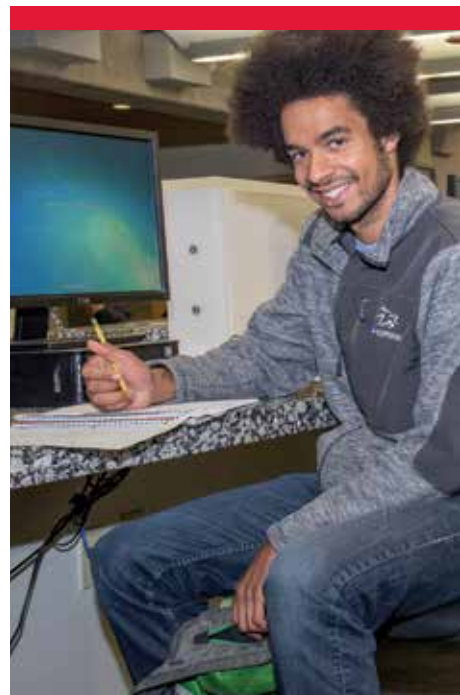
Throughout his life, Derrick Williams' father would tell a story of growing up in poverty in Jamaica. "My father would say, you know how you go to the fridge and look for something to eat only to see food in the fridge that you don't want to eat? I remember when I was a kid and many times, I would look in the fridge and there would be nothing at all to look at or contemplate eating." Derrick's father eventually moved to the United States, settled in Montana, married, and started a family.

In 2013, Derrick moved to Pueblo to help begin and compete within the ThunderWolves Track and Field Team. While attending CSU-Pueblo, Derrick has thrived both in the classroom and on the track, and has received both academic and athletic scholarships. As a junior, double majoring in pre-medical and exercise science and health promotion (EXHP), he has maintained a 3.983 GPA.

In only his second year of competition, Derrick was named NCAA Division II Track Athlete of the Week; earned third place in the 1500-meter run at the 2015 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championship; garnered second place at the 2015 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championship in the 3,000 meter and distance medley events while earning All-American titles; and during the 2015 NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships, Derrick broke the national record for the 3,000-meter run.

Derrick is the CSU-Pueblo Track and Field team captain. "Captain is the hardest job ever. I see myself as the person who prepares younger students to fill the captain role in the future," said Derrick. Saying that he takes his training seriously is an understatement. An average day for Derrick consists of waking at 5 a.m., putting

Derrick plans to compete at CSU-Pueblo for the next three years. He plans to complete his bachelor's degrees in pre-medicine and EXHP in a year and a half. While he is still attending CSU-Pueblo and able to compete, he plans to earn his Masters of Business Administration so he can know all aspects of running a medical practice. Derrick aspires to compete in the 2020 Olympic games in Tokyo.



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A college education takes dedication, perseverance, and sacrifice; the true embodiment of this is computer information systems major, Ernest Montoya. As a displaced construction worker in the slowing economy of 2009, Ernest decided to go back to school and achieve a college education. "I remember, I was at my 35th high school reunion and talked to a friend about leaving the construction field to start all over again. Going back to school scared me, not only because I hadn't been in school for 35 years, but because I didn't know how I was going to afford my education," said Ernest.

"My fiancée, Cindy and I sat down to figure out how to make this happen, we drastically cut our budget. I came up with the idea of biking and getting rid of my vehicle, Cindy said I was crazy," he said. Shortly before the 2012 Fall semester, Ernest started training and navigating the route to Pueblo Community College (PCC) from Pueblo West, a minimum trip of 30 miles.

"I rode over 15,000 miles to complete my associate's degree and saved enough in gas to pay for a semester of schooling," said Ernest.

To pursue his education, Ernest would ride to school and back in all types of weather. "I have ridden in record heat, over 100 degrees; wind, rain, snow, and wildfire smoke. I have completed my journey in subzero temperatures and wind chills, and temperatures cold enough to freeze the water in my water bottle," said Ernest.

Currently, a senior at Colorado State University-Pueblo (CSU-Pueblo), Ernest bikes along highway 50 from his home in Pueblo West to the Bonforte Campus. "At school, it's funny because my bike is from 1982, it is older than most of the students in my classes," said Ernest. He completes a 30 mile bike ride every day; it takes

about one hour for Ernest to commute to school.

Ernest starts his day at 7 a.m. and due to a night class, he stays at school until 8:45 p.m. "When I get out of class at 8:45 p.m., it's pretty intense. Not only do I have to pay attention to the traffic and make sure they see me but you see some pretty spooky stuff while you're out that late," said Ernest. On days that he has a night class, he does not get home until almost ten, making his day an almost 15 hour day.

His academic excellence has paid off. Ernest has received private scholarship support through the CSU-Pueblo Foundation.



"Scholarships give me the chance to focus on school. It's difficult to make everything work if you add biking, school, work, and studying. My scholarships allow me to put in time for school and allows me to do community service."

During his time commuting on his bike, Ernest has experienced serious wrecks, innumerable bike repairs, disgruntled drivers and throughout all of this, he stays dedicated, perseveres and displays obvious sacrifices to achieve his education. "When I complete my degree and I begin working as a computer systems analyst, I will endeavor to enhance the community in any way that I can," said Ernest.

Ernest will graduate from CSU-Pueblo with his bachelors of science in computer information systems in the spring of 2016. Upon graduation, he hopes to work in the industry as a computer systems analyst.





A Message from the Chairman

This past year was one of significant accomplishments; they were so meaningful that it would be easy to rattle off those successes. The real story this year is why these accomplishments were meaningful for the students, and how the Foundation's mission connected those achievements directly to meaningful changes in the daily lives of our students.

This past summer I was talking about the work of the CSU-Pueblo Foundation with a friend of mine who attended another school in Colorado. He quipped, "Didn't you give enough money to your school when you went there?" The passion I have for the Foundation caused me to respond without a moment's hesitation, "This isn't about the campus life when I went. It's about the campus life that can be." In that one statement, it made me realize that I should share with you – how the Foundation's actions directly impacted the lives of students. More importantly, why the On The Move campaign is so critical, and why surpassing the \$25 million goal will reinforce a transformative collegiate experience for generations of students to come.

This year, we expanded our outreach across socioeconomic strata, geographies and disciplines through \$1.8 million in private-donation scholarships, which directly touched the lives of 800 students and their deservedly proud families. On a more expansive basis, across the student body, we have provided supplemental funds for the renovation of the Occhiato University Center, the construction of which is to begin in October of 2015.

This permits a focal point on our campus for students to interact, share experiences, and build memories that they'll share with their children and grandchildren. And to expand involvement, we were able to help construct the Art & Lorraine Gonzales Soccer and Lacrosse Stadium, which welcomed its first group of students this academic year. As the ThunderWolves football team showed, a robust, rounded collegiate life interlaced with athletics – all athletics – creates an esprit de corps within the student body, a pride in our school and community, and brings the attention of the world to Pueblo. As you can see, your donations, our team's diligence, and an engaged, appreciative student body creates a tapestry of interconnection for which we hope you share our pride.

As we endeavor to execute this mission, we take the stewardship of your generous donations seriously. They are utilized purposefully and they are stewarded efficiently. For every dollar donated, administrative costs account for 10 percent. The national average for similar charities is 20 percent, meaning we are twice as efficient as peer organizations. MORE IMPORTANTLY, for the \$25 million campaign that efficiency will translate into \$2.5 million MORE being spent on students, than peer foundations could achieve. So, not only does your donation have meaningful impact throughout its use, but the higher efficiencies mean that impact goes farther.

As we close out this year, we are so grateful for your generous support. We hope the connections you see between your donation and this mission to expand the quality of campus life – to weave a broader, brighter tapestry, if you will – will encourage you to donate. And if you've donated, we hope it encourages you to donate more – and challenge friends, family, and fellow alums to do the same. We know that you have many choices for your charitable dollar, we know your dollar spent here will directly connect to today's students and tomorrow's alums.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Russell A. DeSalvo III
CSU-Pueblo Foundation Trustee, Chairman

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Colorado State University-Pueblo is ranked second among all four year institutions in the state of Colorado in terms of providing value-added benefits to students, according to a 2015 Brookings Institution report. The study focused on how colleges contribute to the students' economic success.



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Steel and Silver Series. CSU-Pueblo claimed a victory in the annual Steel & Silver Series all-sport competition with the University of Colorado Colorado Springs following the conclusion of the 2014-15 athletics season. The ThunderWolves secured the Steel & Silver trophy after outscoring the Mountain Lions, 42-14, in the 10th installment of the series between the I-25 rivals. The all-sport competition awards four points for each of the sports that both schools sponsor. Five points are awarded to the institution with the highest GPA among those sports for student-athletes who competed in the 2014-15 season.

RMAC Players of the Year. The following athletes and coach earned top honors from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference:

- **Darius Allen** (Football) - RMAC Defensive Player of the Year
- **Stephan Dickens** (Football) - RMAC Special Teams Player of the Year
- **John Wristen** (Football) - RMAC Coach of the Year
- **Sam Haseltine** (Men's Soccer) - RMAC Goalkeeper of the Year
- **Oni Lattin** (Volleyball) - RMAC Defensive Player of the Year
- **Katie Nehf** (Women's Basketball) - RMAC Defensive Player of the Year
- **JaCobi Jones** (Wrestling) - RMAC Freshman of the Year
- **Rachael Lopez** (Women's Track and Field) - RMAC Outdoor Freshman of the Year
- **Leina Kim** (Women's Golf) - RMAC Golfer of the Year
- **Neil Tillman** (Men's Golf) - RMAC Freshman of the Year
- **Alexa Snyder** (Softball) - RMAC Co-Player of the Year

Shultz receives DII Football Elite 89 Award. CSU-Pueblo sophomore defensive end Joe Shultz (Gilbert, Ariz.) received the NCAA Division II Football Elite 89 Award at the NCAA Division II Football Championships Banquet. The Elite 89 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's 89 championships. Schultz earned the honor with a 3.919 GPA as an engineering major.

Allen earns national honors. For the second straight year, CSU-Pueblo senior defensive end Darius Allen (Pueblo, Colo.) was named the Gene Upshaw Division II Lineman of the

Year by the Manheim Touchdown Club. The Upshaw Award is presented annually to the top NCAA Division II junior or senior offensive or defensive lineman in the nation. Allen also earned the 2014 Cliff Harris Award, which is presented annually to the nation's top small college defensive player in NCAA Division II, Division III, and NAIA.

LaBorde Earns RMAC Summit Award. The Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference named Justin LaBorde (R-So., DE, Pueblo West, Colo.) as recipient of the 2014 RMAC Summit Award in football, presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the RMAC's championships.

Racquetball is 2015 National Runner-up. CSU-Pueblo's national powerhouse racquetball team earned runner-up honors at the 2015 National Intercollegiate Championships in Tempe, Ariz. after its No. 2 singles player, Eric Chavez, was ruled ineligible prior to the tournament. Chavez is a junior world champion in Mexico. Seeking its 17th national championship as the defending national champions, the ThunderWolves took second to perennial rival Oregon State University.

Learfield Sports Directors' Cup CSU-Pueblo placed 54th in the 2014-15 Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Division II Final Standings. The ranking is the best in the school's history since the standings began in 1995-96. Points are awarded to programs that advance to the NCAA postseason. Nine CSU-Pueblo programs advanced a team or individual to their respective NCAA Championship last season.

RMAC All-Sports Rankings. With a program record 792 points, CSU-Pueblo finished third in the 2014-15 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference All-Sports Competition Cup, which is awarded to the institution which accumulates the most points over the year based on its teams' outcome in the RMAC's four core sports, along with six wild card sports.



Women's Tennis Earns RMAC Brechler Award. CSU-Pueblo earned the Women's Tennis Brechler Award after posting a 3.617 GPA during the 2014-15 academic year. The award recognizes the conference's top team GPAs in each of its 22 sports. Under the direction of Head Coach Mark Schlieff, the ThunderWolves recorded the third highest team GPA of any sport.



1950s

PJC/SCSC

Dr. and Mrs. Eddie, A54, and **Neta**, A55, **DeRose**, Pueblo, were inducted into the Pueblo Hall of Fame for their contributions to CSU-Pueblo and the Pueblo community.

1960s

PJC/SCSC

Ralph Williams, A63, Pueblo, was named the Citizen of the Year by the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce.

Doris Kester, A69, Pueblo, executive assistant at the Southern Colorado Community Foundation, received the statewide Lifetime Achievement Award on Nov. 13 during a National Philanthropy Day event in Denver.

1970s

SCSC/USC

Kenny Adair, A70, Pueblo, was featured in the Classic Pueblo series of The Pueblo Chieftain for serving as the longtime announcer and scorekeeper at Runyon Field.

Dr. Irene Blea, A73, Albuquerque, NM, was inducted into the Central High School Hall of Fame.

Mary Rae (Neari) Staton, A74, Santa Barbara, CA, is the English graduate program advisor at UC Santa Barbara; where she has been employed for the past 15 years. She also has served in undergraduate and graduate advisor positions in linguistics at that institution.

1980s

USC

Joe Pannunzio, A82, Philadelphia, PA, is the director of personnel operations for the Philadelphia Eagles scouting staff. He previously held a similar position with the University of Alabama.



Chris Wiseman, A83, Pueblo, recently wrapped up his tenure as the general manager of the Colorado State Fair; a position he held for the past 18 years. Wiseman now is the deputy commissioner for the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

Jim Brooks, A84, Pueblo, was featured in the Classic Pueblo series of The Pueblo Chieftain for his golf achievements and contributions to athletics in Pueblo. Brooks is the "voice of the CSU-Pueblo ThunderWolves" on 590/1350 AM.

John Wristen, A84, Pueblo, is the head coach of the CSU-Pueblo ThunderWolves football team. During the 2014 season, he and his staff led his team to victory in the NCAA Division II National Championship. He was recognized as the American Football Coaches Association's NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year. He was also inducted into the Pueblo South High School Hall of Fame.

Jerry Sisneros, A86, Pueblo, was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Colorado Chapter. He is the head wrestling coach at Pueblo South High School.

George Goddu, A89, is the director of Ford's Customer Service Division for the Middle East and Africa.

Award-winning Broadcaster Still Blooming



Even after more than three decades as a sportscaster, serving as voice of the Atlanta Falcons, covering the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, and earning 19 Emmys and two prestigious Edward R. Murrow awards, Jeff Hullinger, A80, still feels like his career has the potential for growth.

A weeknight sports anchor and news co-anchor on 11Alive in Atlanta, Ga., Hullinger was inducted into the Southeast Chapter of the National Academy of Television

Arts & Sciences Silver Circle for 2015, was part of the 11Alive team that won a 2014 Best of Gannett for Watchdog reporting, and is a past Georgia Sportscaster of the Year, as voted by his peers. Hullinger's call of Morten Anderson's NFC Title winning kick in Minneapolis is played in the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame as one of the state's 10 biggest sports moments.

His biggest thrills aside from broadcasting an NFC Championship game and a Super Bowl were calling a Falcons/Saints game with former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev as an analyst and traveling to Tokyo to broadcast the Falcons/Cowboys Tokyo Bowl.

"I was well prepared for my chosen career path the day that I graduated. I continue to be grateful for my education from (what is now) CSU-Pueblo," said Hullinger. "My career is still blooming."

In addition to serving as the voice of the Atlanta Falcons, Hullinger spent two years as one of ESPN-TV's front line college football play-by-play voices, including bowl games. He was the weeknight Atlanta television sports anchor at WAGA-TV for 18 years, so when the bomb went off at Centennial Olympic Park in 1996, he anchored eight and a half hours of WAGA-TV's news coverage.

Hullinger says his degree and the mass communications department provided him with numerous opportunities to learn and grow in his chosen profession, even before he graduated. While he was still a student, he worked at local radio station, KDZA, where numerous mass communications students have honed their broadcasting skills.

In addition to anchoring the 5, 6, 10, and 11:30 p.m. weeknight sports broadcasts, Hullinger hosts a high school football wrap-up show every Friday.

1990s

USC

Andrea Aragon, A93, Pueblo, received the Charles W. Crews Business Leader of the Year Award from the Greater Pueblo Chamber of Commerce.

Sam Lovato, A93, Pueblo, achieved the rank of full professor in the CSU-Pueblo mass communications department.

2000s

USC/CSU-Pueblo

Daneya Esgar, A01, Pueblo, a first-year Colorado legislator representing House District 46, shared her insights with CSU-Pueblo graduates as the Commencement Speaker for the May 2 ceremony.



Richard Maestas, A02, Glenwood Springs, is western regional vice president for Colorado Mountain College (CMC). He oversees CMC operations in Aspen, Carbondale, Spring Valley, Glenwood Springs, and Rifle.

Kristi Roque, A02, Pueblo, is the executive director of Pueblo Rape Crisis Services.

Christi Glahn, A04, Fort Morgan, teaches first grade at Green Acres Elementary School.

Stephanie Gonzales, A04, Granada, is the executive director for the Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development (SECED), Inc. in Lamar, CO.

Jennie Patel, A07, Phoenix, AZ, is the manager of Phoenix Suns Charities.

Dalton Sprouse, A05, Pueblo, is the Director of Communications for Pueblo City Schools.

Kendall Gonzales, A08, Sidney, NE, is an inventory coordinator in the fishing department at Cabela's corporate office.

2010s

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Javier Banuelos, A12, Denver, is an outreach specialist for Mi Casa Resource Center and continues to work as DJ Javi B, a professional music and video DJ business.

Lee Meisner, A12, Pueblo, is the interim head football coach at Pueblo East High School.

Steven Trujillo, A12, Pueblo, is the President/CEO of the Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo.

Chase Vaughn, A12, Denver, former Pack Football linebacker, signed with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

Kevin Coates, A13, Pueblo, is a group leader at Target Distribution Center and is pursuing his Master of Business Administration degree at CSU-Pueblo.

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Kevin Buchanan, A14, Pueblo, earned the STEM Teacher of the Year Award from the Mel Harmon Chapter of the Air Force Association. He teaches engineering and computer science through the Project Lead the Way program at Pueblo, Central High School.

Heather Fulton, A14, Pueblo, is a registered nurse at University Park Care Center.

Trent Johnson, A14, Castle Rock, is a personal/group trainer at The Gym of Castle Rock.

Marie Louise Kidd, A14, Pueblo, is 2015 Miss Rodeo Colorado.

Alisha (Nannarone) Linenberger, A14, Pueblo, is a medical laboratory scientist student at Parkview Medical Center.

Devyn Novak, A14, Pueblo, is a project engineer with Industrial Constructors Managers.

Josh Bredl, A15, Florida, AKA "The Yeti" received a \$250,000 contract with the WWE after winning the reality series competition, Tough Enough. He continues to train in Florida for his WWE debut and will be featured in a new series, Breaking Ground, airing on the WWE Network.

Reynalda (Sprouse) Garoutte, A15, Pueblo, is a registered nurse and assistant nursing manager with the Department of Veterans Administration.

Aislyn Karney, A15, La Junta, teaches Title I Math in the Fowler School District is the assistant volleyball coach.

Tristan Michel, A15, Littleton, is a realty specialist with General Services Administration.

Alexander Miller, A15, Security, is a promotions assistant with iHeart Radio.

As of Feb. 2015, the University officially changed its web domain from www.colostate-pueblo.edu to www.csupueblo.edu. Please note the change to all associated email and web addresses.

The Force is Strong with Her

Even though it takes place in a galaxy far, far away, people relate to "Star Wars," says Megan Matousek, A05, mass communications alumna.

Matousek lives in San Francisco and works for Lucasfilm Ltd. as a production manager for Industrial Light & Magic, a motion picture visual effects company founded by George Lucas. She has been with the company for four years and is currently working on the new "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," scheduled for release on Dec. 18.

"Star Wars is special, and something that's become part of our culture," she said. "Love, hope, forgiveness, fear, redemption, risk, personal choice (are) all themes we humans can relate to."

CSU-Pueblo Mass Communications professor, Sam Lovato, said he never had a doubt that Matousek would "go far" in her career. "They're going to benefit greatly from her creativity, vision, and genius," Lovato said.

"Education is key," Matousek said. "You have to find what you love, and take opportunities to learn. Work hard, and your dreams will happen."



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW AND SHARE ABOUT CSU-PUEBLO

1. CSU-Pueblo MBA is serving vets. CSU-Pueblo's Master of Business Administration degree in the Hasan School of Business was ranked among the top 64 in the country by Military Times' Best for Vets: Business Schools 2014 rankings. The top 64 business schools are mentioned, and the top 20 are compared in the issues of Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and Marine Corps Times. The rankings factor in academic quality, outcomes and policies, school culture, student support, and cost.

2. CSU-Pueblo is not just going for the gold, but for platinum. Add a sixth building to CSU-Pueblo campus' list of LEED-certified facilities. The new General Classroom Building was designed and constructed to LEED Platinum standards on the U.S. Green Building Council's rating system, and the Occhiato University Center Addition/Renovation will be constructed to Gold Standards, when completed in 2018. Other LEED buildings include the renovated Library and Academic Resources Center and the three new residence halls.

3. CSU-Pueblo is a leader in teaching teachers. CSU-Pueblo's graduate program in education was ranked 11th among the top 50 institutions (and the only Colorado school included) in a ranking of best value residential Master in Educational Leadership programs in the U.S. by Top Masters in Education, a resource for educators.

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Three long-time and well-respected former faculty members passed away in 2015.

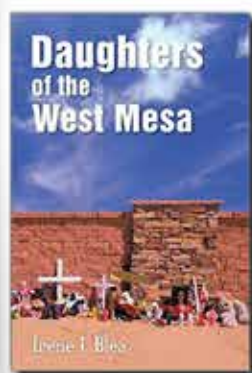
Dr. Nirmal Das, visiting professor in the CET program, passed away of a heart attack January 7, 2015, in Denver as he was returning to campus for the Spring semester. Das came here as a visiting professor in August of 2013 to teach engineering mechanics and structural engineering courses. The family held a private funeral ceremony in Denver.

Richard E Pavlik, 80, founder of the CSU - Pueblo Mass Communications Department and co-founder of the Southern Colorado Press Club, died October 5 in Pueblo. A cancer survivor since 2005, he had been in ill health with heart and lung problems the past several years. Pavlik founded the department in 1965 after moving to Colorado from New York in 1963. He served as head of the department for more than 20 years prior to his retirement in 2001. He was one of the co-founders of the Press Club in 1974 and served as the organization's charter president. The recipient of numerous awards, Pavlik was named CSU-Pueblo's first Annual Educator of the Year in 1965 by the University's Student National Education Association and was named Colorado Journalism Educator of the Year in 1987 by the Colorado Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists: Sigma Delta Chi.

Rodney Townley, 93, a retired university music professor, symphony director, and longtime supporter of the Pueblo music community, passed away on May 16. Townley began his teaching career in the public schools of Wyoming before joining the Pueblo Junior College faculty in 1945. He taught for more than three decades, and also served a brief stint as chair of the humanities department. He earned emeritus status upon his retirement. He was a member of the Colorado Music Educators Association Hall of Fame and was one of the first to receive the University's Award of Excellence. He was a member of the Pueblo Symphony and served several years as its conductor. His wife, music faculty member Victoria Markowski, died in January, 2014.

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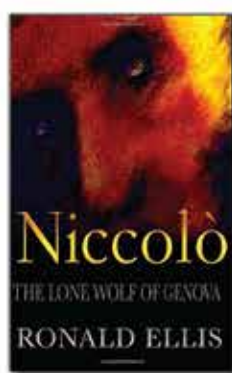


Irene Blea
A73, sociology
Daughters of the West Mesa

Based on a true story, 11 female remains and an unborn fetus were discovered on the West Mesa outside of Albuquerque, N.M. in 2009.

This book introduces us to Dora, a single mother, and her two daughters, Luna and Andrea. Luna has been missing for several months. Dora struggles to endure the whereabouts of her missing daughter, Andrea's emotional distance, and adjusting to the recent purchase of a new house next to a 100-acre field when a human bone is found. Dora awaits notice of whether Luna is, or is not, buried in the field.

Blea taught Mexican American Studies for 27 years and retired from California State University-Los Angeles as a tenured, full professor and chair of the Mexican American Studies Department in 1998.



Ron Ellis
A77, music
Niccolò – The Lone Wolf of Genova

Ellis' first novel features Niccolò Paganini, the most celebrated musician during the first half of 19th century Europe.

A consummate performer on the violin, his bold on-stage persona contrasted with his notoriously secretive private life. Groomed by his father to be a musician in the opera orchestra, he sought another existence, as a virtuoso violinist. Trapped in an obsessive quest to realize his own destiny, he recklessly pursued a life of excess. Decades later, an American connection leads to revealing the true nature of this man widely recognized as the first of his kind.



Dana Perino
A94, mass communications
"And The Good News Is.... Lessons and Advice from the Bright Side"

"And the Good News Is" follows Dana Perino's journey through politics and television. From her childhood in Wyoming to her undergraduate college career at CSU – Pueblo, to a chance meeting on an airplane that changes her life forever, Perino shares the lessons she's learned that have guided her through life, kept her level-headed, and led to her success.

With refreshing honesty and humor, she recounts her frustration with a string of unsatisfying jobs and living circumstances until a key career tip leads her back to Washington, D.C. to work for the Bush Administration, becoming the second woman in history to serve as press secretary to a President.

Perino also shares work and life lesson tips that can assist the growth and development of any professional.

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WELCOME COMING



Senior biology major Nicole Hulet, Longmont, and senior business management major Jonothan Stephenson, St. Louis, Mo., were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during halftime of the ThunderWolves 45-9 victory over Fort Lewis.



The 2015 Class of the Athletic Hall of Fame were recognized at halftime of the football game: (L to R) Dax Charles, 1991-94 wrestling (with daughters); Richard "Dick" LeDoux, track and field, cross country 1975-79; Susan (Northrup) Trahern, volleyball 1979-80; Glen Printers, football 1973-74; Julie Milne, accepting for her brother Rick Pobst, golf 1971-73; Kim (Villers) Schneider, gymnastics 1981-83; members of the 1972 basketball team, Bill Bekeza, FS, Chuck Kochenberger, A74, Jim Von Loh, A73, Thomas Peterson, A74; Chuck Haering, football/track and field coach 1971-93, and Dr. Richard Krinsky, club racquetball coach, 1968-present.



Football alumni Archie Neil, A83, and Larry Yonker, A78, show off their throw back jerseys at the Alumni Association Homecoming tailgate.



1976 Mass Communications alum George Dushan (right) presented a 1995 PRSA Silver Anvil Award to Mass Comm Department Chair Sam Ebersole and retired faculty member Trish Orman as part of the 50th anniversary gathering during Homecoming Weekend. Dushan earned the award for his work on the Colorado Springs Airport.



Ricky Pavlik, A84, son of the late Mass Communications Department founder Rick Pavlik, shares some memories with John Pendleton, A81 (2006 Outstanding Mass Comm alum), and Jodi Torpey, A77 (2006 Outstanding Mass Comm alum).



At a breakfast debate on Homecoming Saturday, current forensics team members Nalene Ayala, junior from Colorado Springs, and Gene Wilson, senior from Fountain, debated whether standardized testing in Pueblo City Schools should be abandoned with forensics alumni Steve Henson, A76, and Jim Croshal, A73, along with facilitator and debate coach Kathryn Starkey (center).



Associated Students' Government President Sarah Zarr and Wolfie balance atop the Wells Fargo stagecoach, while President Lesley Di Mare, Head Football Coach John Wristen, and Alumni Association President Jennifer Mravich ride safely within the cabin.



Mascot Wolfie and Miss Rodeo Colorado, Marie Kidd, A14, get acquainted at the CSU-Pueblo Night at the Rodeo during the Colorado State Fair.



The Colorado State Fair Parade was well represented with ThunderWolves including live mascot Tundra (L to R): Alumni Association board member Carol Rickman, A83, senior Kathleen Hund, Mark Rickman, Wolfie, President Lesley Di Mare, CSU-Pueblo Foundation board member Dee Weber, and ASG President Sarah Zarr



HSB Alumni Chapter members are ready for business at a recent trip to Cripple Creek. Included in this photo are: Sheila Morris, A13, Tiffany Reiher, A14, Ryan Balfour, A10, Jennifer Mravich, A08 & A10, Joe Bleichrodt, A10, Bryan Sanchez, A07.

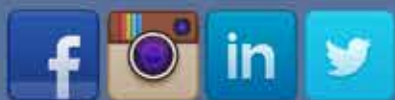


Aya Saotome, A93, Mass Communications, Alumni Relations Director Tracy Samora, and Becky Scherbak, A87, Business Management share a nautical moment at an alumni gathering in San Diego, Cali.



Fans react to the crowning of alum Josh Bredl, A15, as WWE Tough Enough Champion at a Pueblo viewing party hosted by the Alumni Association at Andy Macs (see related story page 12).

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— CoachSamSewell



Supporting my alma mater here
in Aurora. Just got my official
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— Enrique Rodriguez



Alumni Challenge: Let's exhibit
that Pack pride!
— Diane Baker



Calling all CSU-Pueblo Alumni!

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Remember When



Congratulations to the Mass Communications Department on celebrating their 50th anniversary this year!

Faculty, staff, and alumni from the department gathered at the Pueblo Union Depot on October 9 to celebrate, remember, reminisce, and reconnect.

Parents: If this address for your son or daughter is not current, please notify the Alumni Office at 719.549.2858 or email: alumni@csupueblo.edu website: www.alumni.csupueblo.edu

New and Improved

The CSU-Pueblo campus landscape continued its transformation this fall with the opening of the 40,000- square-foot General Classroom Building (GCB) as well as groundbreaking for the 24,000-square-foot addition to the Occhiato University Center (OUC). The GCB represents

a \$16 million investment by the State of Colorado in our primary mission, education, and has been designed to address society's rapidly changing technology needs. The expansion to the OUC precedes a complete renovation of the original building that was completed in 1974. Students voted to fund \$30 million through payment of student fees. In 1987, the existing building was renamed in honor of Joseph Occhiato, following an estate gift and Mike Occhiato Foundation gift. Joyce and Mike Occhiato (third photo) followed that gift in 2013 with a \$1 million lead gift to the current On the Move capital campaign to be used toward the project. Phase One, consisting of a new ballroom and food service addition will be completed in late October 2016. Phase Two, involving complete renovation of the entire existing 110,000-square-foot OUC building, will run from December 2016 until March 2018.



University Calendar

NOV. 26-27	Campus Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
DEC. 1	Faculty/Staff Holiday Reception, 5-7 p.m., OUC Ballroom
4	Fall Classes End
6	CSU-Pueblo Night at Electricritters, 5-7 p.m., Pueblo Zoo
7-11	Finals Week
24-Jan. 1	Campus Closed for Christmas/New Year's Holidays
2016	
JAN. 8	Spring Classes Begin
18	Martin Luther King Celebration: Breakfast with Wellington Webb, 8-10 a.m., OUC Ballroom
20	DSS: Sonya Nazario, 7 p.m., OUC Ballroom
29	Spring Concert feat. Andy Grammar, 7 p.m., Events Center, Colorado State Fairgrounds
FEB. 5	Foundation: Cocktails and Creations, 6 p.m., OUC Ballroom
16	Second City, 7 p.m., Hoag Recital Hall
MARCH 11	Foundation: President's Donor Appreciation Cocktail Party, 6 p.m., OUC Ballroom
12	Discover Day
21-25	Spring Break
30	DSS: Gigi Butler, 7 p.m., OUC Ballroom
31	Women's Leadership Luncheon (Gigi Butler), 11:30 a.m., OUC Aspen Leaf
APRIL 15	Discover Day
20	Student Leadership and Involvement Awards, 6 p.m., Hoag Recital Hall
29	Spring Classes End
MAY 2-6	Finals Week
7	Commencement, 10 a.m., Events Center, Colorado State Fairgrounds
13	President's Gala, 6 p.m., OUC Ballroom

DSS: Distinguished Speaker Series