List of Accomplishments and Ongoing Projects and Meetings

By the Numbers:
5,120 engaged students, faculty, staff, and community members
53 separate collaborations or partnerships
39 accomplishments
27 co-curricular activities
17 major accomplishments
9 new events or activities
7 times featured in videos, newspapers, radio, and TV
3 new student employees

Summer, 2014:
Featured on a local TV station while attending Try Transit Day
  • KOAA interviewed Konrad Schlarbaum on my perceptions of roundabouts
Coordinated negotiations with Mountain Metro for Bus Fair Proposal
  • A diverse group of high-level stakeholders attended
  • 10 staff and community members attended
Presented on Recycling at Facilities Department’s All Hands Meeting
  • 30 staff members attended
Co-planned the Cross Country Walk for Climate Awareness community event
★ Hired first student staff: Michael Heggem, Sustainability Assistant
Began coordinating bi-weekly Rampart Eco-Advocate meetings
  • Two faculty and three staff members attended regularly
★ Planned and directed the first Great Office Supply Exchange
  • Donated left over supplies to Helen Hunt Elementary School
  • 46 staff and faculty participated
Facebook Engagement
  • 405 unique users clicked on a post or created a story

Fall, 2014:
Collaborated with TRIO to plan activities for Student Success Conference
  • 10 students participated
Presented, for the first time, PPCC Sustainability Update at the Leadership Council Meeting
• 15 people attended

★ Served on marketing team for Fountain Watershed and Greenway District’s: Creek Week Steering Committee
  • 558 people collected nearly seven tons of litter and debris during the first annual and regional community event

★ Planned and directed first Creek Week Cleanup
  • 67 students, faculty, staff, and community members participated
  • Collected two dumpsters full of trash
  • Designated as PPCC's Year of Service: All Campus Service Project
  • Fulfilled Colorado Springs’ Adopt-a-Waterway commitment
  • Partnered with Fountain Watershed, Year of Service, and Environmental Science Program

Collaborated with students from the Radio and Television program to produce a video on PPCC’s Creek Week Cleanup
  • 3 students recorded footage and interviews from PPCC’s Creek Week Cleanup and produced a five-minute video
  • 181 people viewed this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJGgbi3QJWw

Honored as wreath bearer for Veterans Day Ceremony
  • Partnered with Veterans Affairs
  • 200 people viewed five-minute Radio and Television program production: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JL67Tn6X28Q

★ Co-planned and directed first Campus Sustainability Day
  • 100 people participated across three campuses in a J. Morris Hicks presentation on sustainable eating habits
  • Partnered with Jay Morris Hicks and Hannah Cobb-a nutrition student
  • 20 people viewed Forks Over Knives documentary as a prelude to Campus Sustainability Day

★ Attended First Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) Conference in Portland, OR

Planned and executed educational campaign for first America Recycles Day
  • Sent a series of emails containing videos, graphics, articles, and instruction on the topic of recycling
  • Partnered with Facilities Department

★ Co-planned, co-directed, and co-hosted first Entrepreneurs Showcase
  • 70 people participated
  • Partnered with Economics Professor Warren Munick
  • Purpose of event was to connect PPCC students enrolled in the AAA-109 Ice House class with students and alumni who own a business and organizations that support entrepreneurs

Presented on sustainability as it relates to other topics in five different classes
• 80 students participated
• Partnered with Karey Pharris, Barb Overgaard, and Warren Munick
• Topics: sustainability, entrepreneurship, renewable energy, and economic development

★ Co-brokered partnership between two major sustainability organizations
• A partnership was forged between Green Cities Coalition and Peak Alliance for Sustainable Future
• 15 people attended

Facebook Engagement
• 1,044 unique users clicked on a post or created a story

Spring, 2015:
★ Co-educated first PDW session
• 40 faculty and staff members participated
• Title: How to Sustain a FLIP in a Classroom Experience
• Partnered with CETL, Donna La Chey and Richard Carpenter
• Demonstrated 20 FLIP It! Teaching strategies, while teaching the topic of sustainability.

★ Co-planned and hosted annual Green Cities Coalition Summit
• 100 people attended
• Partnered with Green Cities Coalition and Dr. Richard Jurin
• Featured in the Independent, KCMJ, KEPC, and Peak Radar
• Dr. Richard Jurin, from the University of Northern Colorado, presented on communication and collaboration. Other activities included: local entertainment, door prizes, vender tables, local organic catering, and working group activity.

★ Co-developed Sustainability Library Guide (LibGuide)
• 595 people viewed as of May 8, 2015
• Partnered with Sara Goroski
• Link: http://libguides.ppcc.edu/sustainability

Presented an update at the Leadership Council and Student Government meetings
• 20 people attended

Coordinated Introduction to Sustainable Gardening Course
• 10 people enrolled
• Coordinated this non-credit course offering with Becky Elder (Pikes Peak Permaculture), Donna La Chey (Hillbilly Farms and Nutrition Adjunct Instructor) and Amy de Lourenco (PPCC Workforce Division).

★ Elected Chairman of Green Cities Coalition (local non-profit)
Hired second student employee: Jerimie Lee, Media Design Specialist
★ Co-planned and co-directed regional Pikes Peak Food Shed Forum
  • 50 people participated
  • 10 different plans were devised for increasing and supporting local food producers and consumers
  • Partnered with Green Cities Coalition: Local Food Working Group
Advised two student presentations on a sustainability topic at the Multicultural Awareness Conference
  • 50 people participated
The Sustainability Club Renews Charter
Planned and directed Creek Week Cleanup
  • 27 people participated
  • 2 dumpsters full of trash were collected
★ Won a 40,000-dollar grant for recycling stations for Rampart Range Campus
  • Funding provided by PPCC’s Pilot Projects and Campus Improvement Initiative
  • Grant includes monies for custodial training and continuing cost of liners
  • Partnered with Grants Department
Co-planned and served on panel for Controlled Calamity Panel Discussion and Trash Art Teaser
  • 30 people participated
  • Partnered with Laura BenAmots
Collaborated with Student Activities to build part of the set for Casino Night
  • 40 people participated
Co-facilitated Cultural Chat Discussions
  • 17 students participated
  • Partnered with Laura Ben-Amots and Christi Callihan
★ Co-planned, co-directed, and co-hosted first Trash Art Competition
  • 40 people participated
  • 17 student artworks were submitted
  • $225 in cash prizes were given to the top three artworks
  • Two promotional item bags were given to two special awardees
  • Partnered with Laura BenAmots and PPCC Bookstore
Co-planned and co-promoted the Parley Student Journal Launch as part of Earth Week Activities
  • 50 people participated
  • Partnered with Parley Student Journal and Jo-Ellen Becco
★ Planned, directed, and hosted Dj Cavem and Alkemia Earth presentation and first ever cooking demonstration
  • 15 people participated
• Partnered with Culinary Art faculty Richard Carpenter and student Tammy Dixon
• Link: https://youtu.be/2gT9UVl-5Rs and https://youtu.be/a_BOhc5BKjw
Co-Planned and co-promoted PTK Kiss the Pig Fundraiser as part of Earth Week Activities
  • 15 people participated
  • Partnered with PTK and Glen Rohlfing
Planned, directed, and hosted the Thrift Shop Prom and Dj Cavem performance
  • 59 students participated
  • Partnered with Sustainability Club, Student Government, Goodwill Industries, and Dj Cavem and Alkemia Earth
  • 4-25 dollar Goodwill Thrift Store gift cards were giving away during the best-dressed contest
Presented in a sociology class on the topic of environment and society
  • 7 students participated
  • Partnered with Gina Swanson
Collaborated with students from the Radio and Television program to produce a video on an Introduction to PPCC Sustainability
  • 3 students recorded interviews and footage of PPCC Sustainability past projects and current staff
  • They produced the following three minute video: https://youtu.be/e82aWFSIk8M
Hired third student employee: Kalya Goodin, Sustainability Assistant
Facebook Engagement
  • 1,113 unique users clicked on a post or created a story

Ongoing Projects:
• Recycling Program (Facilities Department)
• Garden Program (Sustainability Club, Culinary Arts, Facilities Department, Zoo Keeping Technology)
• Student Bus Pass Program (Mountain Metro and PPCC Stakeholders)
• Entrepreneurs Network (Warren Munick and Entrepreneurs Club)
• Website (ITSS)
• Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest)
• LibGuide (PPCC Library)
• Student Life, Student Activities, and Recreation and Wellness Support
• Awareness Campaign (in collaboration with Marketing Department)
• Service Learning Course Support

Ongoing Meetings:
  1. Leadership Council (quarterly)
  2. Sustainability Club (weekly)
  3. Student Government (intermittently)
4. Green Cities Coalition Steering Committee (monthly)
5. Fountain Creek Watershed Creek Week Steering Committee (monthly)