

Our annual Commencement Issue will run May 12–31. If there is a graduate you would like to highlight with a compelling student story, please submit a [Publicity Request](#) by Wednesday, April 30.

Refer to pikespeak.edu/ssj or your PPSC email for a digital edition with live links.



GRADUATION FAIR

Apr 30 | 11am–2pm | Centennial, Atrium

Celebrate your upcoming graduation with us! Stop by the Graduation Fair to **decorate your cap** and signs, **snap a photo** in the themed photo booth, and enjoy some fun extras before Commencement. **Early check-in** will also be available, along with info from **Career Services**, **regalia details**, and more. If you've got questions about commencement, this is the place to be to get answers! We will see you there!

Questions? Contact commencement@pikespeak.edu.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DE-STRESS EVENT

Apr 28–30 | 10am–12pm

Bookstores at Centennial & Rampart

Take a break before finals! Join the PPSC Bookstore for three days of stress-busting fun. Attend any event for a chance to win prizes in our raffle, drawn on the last day! *Questions? Contact Lacy Gray at sm8439@bncollege.com or Nicholas Mckinstry at sm8440@bncollege.com with questions.*

Apr 28 | Centennial - Therapy dogs

Apr 29 | Both Campuses - Coloring & puzzles

Apr 30 | Both Campuses - Games at Centennial & Switch video games at Rampart

SUPPORT SURVIVORS: AWARENESS & SOLIDARITY TABLING

Apr 30 | Multiple Campuses

Join SEL and the Counseling Center for a campus-wide tabling event to support survivors of rape and sexual assault and raise awareness about interpersonal and gender-based violence. Stop by to access resources, take the pledge, write messages of support, and learn how to be an ally. Together, we can create a culture of empathy, support, and accountability. *Got questions? Contact sel@pikespeak.edu.*

9–11am | Centennial, Rotunda

10am–12:30pm | Rampart, Atrium

1–3pm | Downtown, Learning Commons

AARDVARK'S GOT TALENT AUDITIONS

May 1–2 | 4–6:30pm | Centennial, A140

Show us what you've got! Whether you sing, dance or have a one-of-a-kind talent, we want to see it. Auditions for Aardvark's Got Talent are open to all students and staff. Prefer the mic without the pressure? Join the Comedy Roast portion for laughs and audience fun—no competition required!

Questions? Contact alicia.esparza@pikespeak.edu or asterion.allen@pikespeak.edu.

KUDOS

Congratulations to **Araceli Delgado**, president of the Latino Alliance, for being honored as an **Inclusive Excellence Champion** at the 2025 CCCS Student Excellence Awards! Araceli was recognized for her leadership in organizing last year's Hispanic Heritage Festival and her continued contributions through Student Experience programming as a member of the Inclusion and Empowerment team. We're proud to celebrate her dedication to creating a more inclusive campus community!

FOUNTAIN CREEK FAMILY FUN DAY

May 3 | 10am–2pm | Fountain Creek Nature Center

Join PPSC's Wild Things at Fountain Creek Family Fun Day! This spring celebration welcomes hundreds of families each year for a nature-filled day of art, science, and hands-on learning. Stop by our outreach station and join in the fun. Free admission for active military families. *For more info, contact alex.obrien@pikespeak.edu.*

STUDY BREAK!

May 5–8 | 4–8pm | Centennial, A200 & Rampart, N200

Need a boost during finals week? We've got free food and a quiet space to help you focus. Enjoy Jersey Mike's, Torchy's Tacos, and charcuterie platters. *Stop by the Learning Commons front desk for more info.*

PIKES PEAK STATE COLLEGE FILM FESTIVAL

May 9 | 9–11:45am | Downtown, Black Box Theater

Celebrate student creativity at the end-of-semester film festival! Enjoy original short films, storyboards, and essays presented by students as their final projects. *Contact rebekah.atwood@pikespeak.edu for more info.*

SPRING 2025 STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

May 2–30 | Gallery at Studio West

Explore the creative talent of PPSC students at the Spring 2025 Student Art Exhibition, featuring juried works in painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography, jewelry, and more. The opening reception takes place May 2, 5–7pm, with light refreshments and awards at 6pm. Free and open to the public. *Contact madeline.zeikus@pikespeak.edu or call 719-502-4040 for more info.*

FREE MONEY FOR TUITION! COLORADO OPPORTUNITY FUND (COF)
Apply & Authorize Now!

Did you know you could get free money toward your tuition just for being a Colorado resident? The College Opportunity Fund (COF) is a state-funded tuition discount that helps cover part of your in-state tuition—no strings attached. It's not a grant, scholarship, or loan, and it doesn't affect your financial aid. To receive the discount, apply for a COF account at cof.college-assist.org and authorize COF in your student portal. *Contact cof@pikespeak.edu with questions. Scan the QR code to get started.*

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES



CSU PUEBLO AT PPSC: DEGREE PROGRAMS ON YOUR CAMPUS

Centennial, Aspen 223

CSU Pueblo offers five unique degree programs right here at PPSC's Centennial Campus. Earn your bachelor's or master's degree in Social Work, Sociology, or Criminology without leaving town. *Questions? Visit the CSU Pueblo Transfer Center in Aspen 223, call 719-442-2264, or email angie.rodriguez@csupueblo.edu. Scan the QR code to schedule an appointment.*



UCCS FREE APPLICATION MONTH

May 1–31 | Online

Planning to transfer to UCCS? Apply for free during the month of May! UCCS is waiving application fees for all transfer students who apply in May. Don't miss this opportunity to take the next step toward your bachelor's degree. *Contact lisa.rosenberg@pikespeak.edu for more info. Scan the QR code to apply.*

CLUB UPDATES

ARMONÍA HISPANA

Apr 29 | 1:30–3pm

Centennial, Learning Commons A200v

Celebrate Latino culture and Hispanic heritage with Armonía Hispana! This student club builds community, offers academic support, and creates a welcoming space where Spanish-speaking and Hispanic/Latino-identifying students—and their allies—can be themselves. *Contact [Sujeidi Mendoza at smendozaperaza2@student.cccs.edu](mailto:smendozaperaza2@student.cccs.edu) for details.*

BSU MEETING & OFFICER ELECTIONS

May 5 | 3:30–4:30pm | Centennial, A140

Join the Black Student Union (BSU) for the final meeting of the semester as we hold officer elections for the 2025–26 academic year. All students are welcome to participate and support BSU's mission to promote unity, leadership, scholarship, Black excellence, and cultural appreciation across campus. *Questions? Contact bsuppsc@gmail.com.*

SERVICES & RESOURCES



DON'T MISS OUT ON SUMMER FINANCIAL AID

Planning to take summer classes? Submit your 2024–2025 FAFSA or CASFA by June 30, 2025 to be considered for aid. If you need to borrow student loans, be sure to submit a loan request form to find out if you are eligible. *Scan the QR code to access forms. Questions? Contact financialaid@pikespeak.edu.*



VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR

May 2 | 12–2:30pm | Zoom

Connect with local employers in a virtual setting, learn about job opportunities and network with industry professionals. This is your chance to showcase your talents and make meaningful professional connections from the comfort of your home! *Got questions? Contact nathan.roskop@pikespeak.edu or katie.wheeler@pikespeak.edu. Scan the QR code to join virtually.*