

Submit your news and events to pikespeak.edu/publicity-request by Wednesday, February 5 at 5 pm for the February 17–March 2 issue.

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CELEBRATE WITH PPSC'S BLACK STUDENT UNION

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Black Student Union (BSU) is celebrating Black History Month with events that honor Black culture, history, and authorship while building community on campus.

BSU RECRUITMENT

Feb 5 | 11am–2pm | Downtown Campus Club Fair
Stop by to learn how you can join the BSU in creating a space of belonging for Black students on campus.

BLACK BOOK EXCHANGE

Feb 5 | 4–7pm | Centennial Campus, Admin Building, second floor outside the SEL Office
Celebrate Black authorship—bring a book by a Black author to exchange for a new one!



BSU PRIVATE TOUR: COLORADO SPRINGS AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

Feb 15 | 10am–12pm | 1628 W Bijou St
Discover local Black history on a private museum tour supporting the African American Historical and Genealogical Society of Colorado Springs. Donations appreciated.

Scan QR code to learn more and RSVP.

And there's more! Stay tuned for more Black History Month events in the next SSJ issue. The BSU provides a supportive space for Black students and others to come together, celebrate Black culture, and address issues. **Connect at bsuppsc@gmail.com.**

SERVICES & RESOURCES



TAX HELP CO

Saturdays, Feb 1–Mar 22 | 8am–3pm
Centennial, the Grove

Free tax help for individuals earning under \$65K. Appointments required. [Scan the QR code to schedule your appointment.](#)

HANDSHAKE WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Feb 11 | 12–1pm | Centennial, A140

Learn how to navigate Handshake, PPSC's online job board, to find jobs, fairs, and career resources.

DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Feb 11 | 3–5pm | Centennial, A200V

Boost your computer and mobile skills with Northstar Digital Literacy modules. Work at your pace in English or Spanish. [For more info, contact \[larissa.powers@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:larissa.powers@pikespeak.edu\).](#)

MOBILE FOOD MARKET

Feb 10 | 10am–1pm | Centennial, Atrium

Feb 11 | 10am–1pm | Rampart, Atrium

Free food for the PPSC community and beyond! No ID or proof of need required. **Volunteers are needed.** [Contact \[kandy.ruiz@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:kandy.ruiz@pikespeak.edu\) with questions.](#)

CLUBS

LATINO ALLIANCE MONTHLY MEETING

Feb 4 | 2:30–4pm

Centennial, Learning Commons, A200v

Celebrate Hispanic and Latino cultures with the Latino Alliance—a group of faculty, staff, and students who celebrate the Hispanic and Latino cultures, and the diversity within them. Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month. [Contact \[marah.armijo@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:marah.armijo@pikespeak.edu\) or call 719-502-2035.](#)

NAVIGATORS BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays | 1pm | Centennial, the Grove

Looking for Christian fellowship? Want to study the Bible in-depth with a community? Join us this semester as we study the book of Hosea! [Questions? Email Sophia at \[sjung20@student.ccs.edu\]\(mailto:sjung20@student.ccs.edu\).](#)

ARMONÍA HISPANA MEETING

Feb 18 | 1:30–3pm

Centennial, Learning Commons, A200v

Enhance your college experience and sense of belonging with Armonía Hispana! Open to Hispanic and Latino students and friends. ¡Reúnete con nosotros para mejorar tu rendimiento académico y donde tengas la libertad de ser tú mismo! Spanglish welcome! [Contact Jackal Tanelorn at 719-659-9768 or Sujeidi Mendoza Peraza at \[smendozaperaza2@student.ccs.edu\]\(mailto:smendozaperaza2@student.ccs.edu\) with questions.](#)

UCCS FREE APPLICATION DAYS

Feb 11 | 1–3pm | Rampart, S205

Feb 12 | 9–11am | Centennial, A140

Planning to transfer to UCCS? Get help with applications and waived fees. [For more information, contact \[lisa.rosenberg@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:lisa.rosenberg@pikespeak.edu\).](#)

FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS: YOUR MONEY LIFE RIGHT NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

Feb 26 | 12–1pm | Rampart, S205

Master the basics of spending, saving, borrowing, and planning for the future. Learn big-picture financial strategies like insurance and investing to strengthen your money life now and in the future. [Questions? Contact Canvas Credit Union directly or reach out to PPSC Career Services at 719-502-2360 or \[career@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:career@pikespeak.edu\).](#)

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES



BE THE 2025 PPSC COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER!

Graduating in Spring 2025 or the 2024–2025 Academic Year? Share

your story at the 2025 Commencement Ceremony on May 17 at the Broadmoor World Arena! [To apply or learn more, scan the QR code or contact \[commencement@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:commencement@pikespeak.edu\).](#)

Timeline:

Submissions Deadline: Feb 14

Finalists Contacted: Week of Feb 24

Virtual Speech Presentations: Mar 3–14

Winner Announced: Week of Mar 17

NEW! FINANCING CERTIFICATE

Available Now

The Accounting and Finance Department is offering a new Financing Certificate that can be completed in just two semesters (10 classes). Build valuable skills in finance and banking to prepare for careers in these industries. [For more information, contact \[cristal.breitbeil@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:cristal.breitbeil@pikespeak.edu\) or 719-502-3345, or \[dallas.pierce@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:dallas.pierce@pikespeak.edu\).](#)

PHLEBOTOMISTS RECOGNITION WEEK

Feb 10–14, 2025

Celebrate phlebotomists—healthcare heroes who draw blood for lab testing, contributing to over 75% of medical diagnoses nationwide. Their work ensures accurate, life-saving results every day. PPSC's Phlebotomy Technician program at CHES prepares the next generation of professionals. Classes meet Tuesday nights. [For more info, contact \[jeff.lavender@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:jeff.lavender@pikespeak.edu\).](#)

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



INTRAMURAL 4v4 COED BASKETBALL SEASON

Tuesdays, Feb 11–Mar 12 | 5–7pm

Centennial, Fitness Center

Join a 6-week basketball season with Recreation and Wellness! Open to all PPSC students—stay active, have fun, and connect with others. [Scan the QR code to register. Call 719-900-8446 or contact \[recandwellness@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:recandwellness@pikespeak.edu\) for more info.](#)

FACULTY ART EXHIBITION

Feb 3–Feb 28 | Downtown, Gallery at Studio West

Discover the creative works of PPSC's Art, Photography, and Multimedia Graphic Design faculty and staff. Open to the public, with a special reception on Feb 7, 5–7pm. [Learn more at \[pikespeak.edu/art-gallery\]\(https://pikespeak.edu/art-gallery\).](#)

SPRING 2025 CLUB FAIR SERIES

11am–2pm | Multiple Campuses

Explore campus clubs and organizations or get guidance from the Student Experience and Leadership team on starting your own!

[Contact \[sel@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:sel@pikespeak.edu\) for more information.](#)

CHES: Feb 4 | 2nd Floor Student Commons

Downtown: Feb 5 | Learning Commons

SPEED FRIENDING

Feb 12, 2–4pm | Centennial, Atrium

Meet new people and build connections in a fun, engaging environment. Let's grow our community together! [For more information, contact \[michelle.harris@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:michelle.harris@pikespeak.edu\) or 719-502-2105.](#)



FEED YOUR MIND: ASSESSING YOUR READINESS FOR DATING

Tues, Feb 11 | 11–11:45am

Rampart, S205 & Zoom

Join the Counseling Center for our new lunchtime series, "Feed Your Mind," starting with Assessing Your Readiness for Dating. [Scan the QR code to join the Zoom session.](#)

FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENT

Starting Feb 10

Financial aid disbursements begin Monday, Feb 10, and occur weekly, based on your course drop dates. Check your drop date by logging into your MyPikesPeak Portal, selecting "Accept Awards" from the Financial Aid Card, and navigating to the Student Tab. To avoid delays, complete your Terms and Conditions in the portal by choosing "Accept Awards" and selecting the 2024–2025 award year. [For more details, contact \[financialaid@pikespeak.edu\]\(mailto:financialaid@pikespeak.edu\) or visit \[pikespeak.edu/financial-aid\]\(https://pikespeak.edu/financial-aid\).](#)