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WELCOME BACK, AARDVARKS!

Kick off the Spring 2025 semester with Student Experience & Leadership! Whether you're a new or returning student, these events are a great way to connect, relax, and learn about PPSC resources. The first week of the semester can be stressful, but you don't have to navigate it alone. Join us and start the term off right!

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO | Jan 21 | 8am–3:30 pm
Downtown, Learning Commons
Win PPSC swag while learning about the programs and services available at the Downtown Campus and throughout PPSC.

RESOURCE ROUND-UP | Jan 22 | 8am–4pm
Centennial, Rotunda
Explore campus resources and meet the Student Experience & Leadership team at this tabling event.

BOARD GAMES & NACHOS | Jan 23 | 11am–3pm
Rampart, Student Lounge
Relax and connect with new + returning students over board games and nachos. Learn how Student Experience & Leadership supports your success.

STUDENT REGISTRATION SUPPORT
Need help registering for classes? Visit Student Services in the Centennial Learning Commons, Jan 6–23, Mon–Fri from 8:30am–4:30pm.

Contact sel@pikespeak.edu for more information

SPRING 2025 CLUB FAIR SERIES

11am–2pm | Multiple Campuses

Looking to join or start a club? The Spring 2025 Club Fair is your chance to connect with campus clubs and organizations! Stop by to explore opportunities, meet club members, or visit the Student Experience and Leadership table for guidance on creating new clubs.

Contact sel@pikespeak.edu for more information.

Centennial: Jan 28, Atrium

Rampart: Jan 29, Atrium

CHES: Feb 4, 2nd Floor Student Commons

Downtown: Feb 5, Learning Commons

SERVICES & RESOURCES



TRIO APPLICATIONS OPEN

Apply Today | Centennial, A130

Need extra support? TRIO Student Support Services offers resources to low-income and first-generation students to help you achieve your goals of graduation and beyond. Applications are open until all spots are filled.

Scan the QR code to apply. Got questions? Contact pikespeak.edu/trio or call 719-502-3222.



PPSC HEALTH BENEFITS SURVEY

Open Now through Jan 31, 2025

The State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) is exploring the possibility of offering health benefits to students and your input is vital! This quick 5-minute survey will help us understand your needs, prioritize services, and shape a program that serves our student community. Scan the QR code to take the survey. Contact alicia.esparza@pikespeak.edu for more information.



DMV2GO

Jan 30

Downtown, Learning Commons

Can't get to the DMV? DMV2GO is coming to PPSC to provide ID services, including renewals, replacements, first-time licenses, IDs, permits, and out-of-state transfers. No appointment necessary! Scan the QR code for more information and a list of required documents.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES



BE THE 2025 PPSC COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER!

Submissions Due Feb 14

Graduating this Spring 2025 or recently graduated in the 2024–2025 Academic Year? Share your inspiring story on the big stage at the 2025 PPSC Commencement Ceremony on May 17 at the Broadmoor World Arena. Applicants will be evaluated on community impact, speech content, public speaking ability, academic performance and more. The selected speaker will receive one-on-one public speaking coaching from Communication Department experts, a complimentary professional headshot and a feature in the 2025 PPSC Commencement Program.

Scan the QR code to apply. Contact commencement@pikespeak.edu for more info.

Timeline:

Submissions Deadline: Fri, Feb 14

Finalists Contacted: Week of Feb 24

Virtual Speech Presentations: Mar 3–14

Winner Announced: Week of Mar 17



STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Apply by Jan 30

Interested in leadership & advocacy? Student Government is holding special elections to fill vacant positions. This is your chance to get involved, grow your leadership skills, and advocate for students. Scan the QR code to apply. Contact jillian.stork@pikespeak.edu for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RHONDA JOHNSON & KRISTINA MOSS!

Rhonda Johnson and Kristina Moss have earned the prestigious FAAC® designation from the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. This national certification recognizes their expertise and commitment to excellence in financial aid administration. They join an elite group of over 300 certified professionals nationwide, including just 13 in Colorado. Well done, Rhonda and Kristina!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



INTRAMURAL 4v4 COED BASKETBALL SEASON

Tuesdays, Jan 28–Mar 18 | 5–7pm
Centennial, Fitness Center

Join the Recreation and Wellness Department for a fun 6-week basketball season! Open to all PPSC students, this is a great way to get active, have fun, and connect with others. Scan the QR code to register. Contact recandwellness@pikespeak.edu or call 719-900-8446 for more information.

CANVAS CREDIT UNION FINANCIAL FOUNDATIONS SERIES

Feb 26, Mar 4, Apr 10 | Various Locations

Join us for this informative series to build a strong financial foundation and take control of your money! Sponsored and hosted by our partner, Canvas Credit Union. Questions? Contact sel@pikespeak.edu.

MLK JR. DAY 2025

Freedom, Justice & Nonviolence

Jan 20–22, Various Locations

Join us in celebrating MLK Jr. Day by listening to MLK Jr's nephew, Isaac Newton Farris, Jr. for an inspiring panel discussion: "Mission Possible: Advancing Racial Justice, Freedom, and Democracy Through Nonviolence." Discover how Dr. King's principles of nonviolence can guide action for racial equity and justice in our community. Engage with ideas, solutions, and meaningful dialogue to honor Dr. King's legacy and promote change. Open to the public. Visit www.MLKLegacy.org for more information.

- **Jan 20** | 4–5:30pm
Colorado Springs School, 21 Broadmoor Ave
- **Jan 21** | 4–5:30pm
Pikes Peak, 5675 S Academy Blvd
- **Jan 22** | 3–5:30pm | UCCS, Roaring Fork Hall

CLUBS

LATINO ALLIANCE MONTHLY MEETING

Tues, Feb 4 | 2:30–4pm | Centennial, A200v

First Tuesday of Every Month

Join the Latino Alliance, a group of faculty, staff, and student allies celebrating Hispanic and Latino cultures and advocating for inclusivity at PPSC. Meetings foster a welcoming environment and support PPSC's commitment to becoming a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

Contact marah.armijo@pikespeak.edu or call 719-502-2035 for more information.

NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ALLIANCE MEETINGS

Jan 23–24 | Centennial, C200 & Zoom

Join us to help establish and build the Native American Student Alliance (NASA) at PPSC. Meetings are open to all who want to connect and contribute to this initiative. Scan QR code to join via Zoom. Contact jodi.tekubie@pikespeak.edu or first.nations@pikespeak.edu for more information.

Thu, Jan 23
3:30–4:30pm
C200 or Zoom



Fri, Jan 24
11am–12pm
C200 or Zoom

