



NJCAA COLLEGE OF THE MONTH



PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE: BRINGING TOGETHER ATHLETICS AND ACADEMICS

PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE QUICK FACTS

Locations:
Paterson (Main Campus),
Wayne, Wanaque, Passaic (New Jersey)

President: Dr. Steven R. Rose

*Dean of Evening Administration/
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs:*
Maria Medina

Athletic Director: Bernard Johnson

Enrollment: 7,500

Mascot: Panthers

Colors: Red and Black

Sports Offered: Men/ Basketball, Soccer;
Women/ Basketball, Volleyball

College Telephone: 973-684-6800

Athletic Dept. Telephone: 973-754-7192

Website: www.pccc.edu

PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (PCCC)

is a rapidly expanding metropolitan college with its main campus located in the historic city of Paterson, New Jersey. PCCC opened its doors in October 1971 with 324 students in seven programs of study. Today, the college operates four campuses in Paterson, Wayne, Wanaque, and Passaic - all just minutes from New York City - and enrolls more than 7,500 students.

The continuing expansion of the College and its opportunities is the result of visionary leadership by Dr. Steven Rose, president of PCCC, and a forward-thinking administration. With an award-winning faculty, diverse academic programs, and convenient day, evening, Interactive Television (ITV) and online courses, PCCC offers a flexible, high quality education that prepares students for the rigors of a four-year college or for the demands of today's workplace, especially in a major metropolitan area.

Students at PCCC choose from more than 50 Associate Degree and certificate programs that include liberal arts, computer technology, nursing, fire science, criminal justice, exercise science, early childhood education, and much more. Modern classrooms, state-of-the-art computer and science labs, a new theater and library, and fully-equipped athletic facilities enhance the educational experience.

The extremely diverse student body at PCCC reflects the multicultural richness of a cosmopolitan location and encourages an open, welcoming campus environment as well as unique and customized learning options. The Continuing Education/Workforce Development department offers non-credit lifelong learning opportunities, such as Preparation for U.S. Citizenship, How to Start Your Own Business, and English for the Workplace, among others.

PCCC maintains an Honors Program, an annual forensics competition, a theatre program, leadership development opportunities, more than 30 vigorous student clubs and an array of activities to expand the college experience beyond the classroom.

Collegiality

Students and faculty alike affirm the collegial and congenial atmosphere of PCCC.

"Professors here really care about you and help you to succeed," said Jessica Hoffman, valedictorian of the Class of 2008. Language professor Zirka Voronka agreed, "The supportive environment at PCCC fits my philosophy of education and of life. There is a human kindness here, and students are offered a path to their self-realization."

Classroom to Community...And Back

That path often extends well beyond the classroom. Business professor Lucia Gheorghiu takes classes on field trips to financial centers, such as the New York Stock Exchange, so they can see their lessons applied in the "real world." Her students also collaborate with the local community on projects for environmental and social improvement.

ACADEMICS

Early in 2008, science professor Anne Loving drew national headlines for her study of contamination on lemon wedges served in restaurants. A microbiologist with an extensive record of public health research, Loving appeared on network television in NBC's "Today" to discuss her findings. "The media reaction was amazing," said Loving, who acknowledged that her work as a scientist has had positive impact on her teaching.

PCCC Athletics and Teams

Our Mission

The PCCC Panthers have a long and rich tradition of athletic achievement. Our athletic programs are an integral part of the "whole person" educational concept at PCCC, fostering intellectual, social, and physical development. We seek student-athletes who embrace and model the character and values of "Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Sportsmanship and Servant Leadership." In return, we provide them with the resources and guidance necessary to compete at their highest level, pursue academic excellence, and prepare for productive lives after college.

Athletic Programs

PCCC offers four intercollegiate sports: Men's and Women's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, and Men's Soccer. PCCC is a member of the NJCAA Region 19 and Garden State Athletic Conference and we compete within the NJCAA Division III. Our athletic teams are very competitive and have achieved conference and regional titles. Our men's

and women's basketball teams have advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament and received high pre-season and post-season national rankings. The men's soccer team and women's volleyball team have also advanced to regional conference tournaments. Coach Rich Corsetto, head men's basketball coach, has achieved over 390 career wins, several 20-win seasons and numerous conference and Region 19 championships.

Facilities

In 2008, PCCC completed the project to upgrade and revitalize the fitness and student centers which are located on the main campus. The renewed fitness center is spacious and features state-of-the-art equipment to enhance cardiovascular and strength training. Nearby, the new student center now offers the latest gaming equipment, including ice hockey and pool tables. Both centers are open to the student body, faculty and staff of PCCC.

Athletics and Academics

The PCCC Athletic Department seeks student-athletes who are committed to their academic and athletic growth. Many of our student-athletes have attained national honors as All-Americans and scored over 1,000 points. After graduation, most of them transfer to four-year institutions throughout the country, including: Florida Memorial University, Kentucky State University, Montclair State University (NJ), Norfolk State University (VA) Southern Connecticut State University, Rutgers University, (Newark and New Brunswick, NJ), and William Paterson University (NJ), among others.

Community and Citizenship Outreach

Our athletic department is committed to nurturing relationships with high schools and recreation departments in Passaic County. Our women's basketball team recently hosted their 4th Annual Basketball Clinic, free to girls aged 6-12. More than 60 girls attended. "The youth look forward to attending the skill-building clinic, and we are very enthusiastic about working with them," said Teya Eaton, head coach.

Vision and Leadership

"PCCC is a wonderful place to work," declared Athletic Director Bernard Johnson who has been at the helm for five years. "We have brought stability and respectability to our athletic programs throughout the conference and region. I am most excited about the increasing number of athletes who are returning after athletic eligibility to earn their AA and AS Degrees.

"Our NJCAA Scholar Athlete numbers are on the rise, and it is a tribute to our coaching staff and academic support staff who consistently provide the nurturing, discipline and academic support to assist all of our athletes in achieving success away from the court and playing fields. Our athletic teams are competitive and they are champions of character," added Johnson.

