Smashing Magazine, an online publication, has included the PCCC website in its Showcase of Academic and Higher Education Websites, which features websites selected for both good function and attractive design.

Posted March 19, 2010, the article by Cameron Chapman introducing the Showcase acknowledges that college and university websites face huge challenges in web design. They must present large quantities of essential information to various audiences in a clear, yet attractive manner. Most higher education websites, Chapman says, “are horribly designed” and often contain outdated or hard-to-find information.

PCCC was among the sites rated “excellent” by the magazine, “Passaic County Community college uses an obvious grid layout and a great color scheme,” the article reports.

To read the article and view the entire showcase, click here. (Scroll down to the section titled, Community Colleges to see PCCC’s website.)

In related news, a student survey conducted in Fall 2009 by the PCCC Office of Institutional Research and Planning showed that a clear majority of PCCC students are very satisfied with the College website. Most who completed the survey said they visit the site at least once a day and reported finding it attractive, easy to navigate, and informative and helpful.