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# Colorado College and Pikes Peak State College Form Historic Partnership Creating New Educational Opportunities for Coloradans

*Media, Educators, Civic Leaders Invited to Signing Ceremony*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—April 21, 2026**—Colorado College (CC) and Pikes Peak State College (PPSC) are establishing a new partnership that creates a dedicated transfer pathway for PPSC students to continue their education at Colorado College, strengthening access to a liberal arts degree for students in Colorado and the Pikes Peak region.

In celebration of this significant local collaboration, both colleges cordially invite the media to join community educators, public servants, and other civic leaders in the Pikes Peak region to witness the formal agreement come to fruition.

## **“Pathways to Colorado College” Pikes Peak State College Transfer Pathway Partnership Signing Ceremony**

Thursday, April 30  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Gaylord Hall, Worner Campus Center  
Colorado College  
902 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

CC President Manya Whitaker and PPSC President Lance Bolton will share the value and opportunities this partnership creates for students’ educational journeys, and CC Vice President for Enrollment Tony Cabasco will outline the importance of creating pathways for all students in the Pikes Peak region. In addition, a PPSC-to-CC transfer student will share her experience earning her associate degree in geology from PPSC last year and her pathway to a bachelor’s degree in geology in progress at CC.

The inaugural Pathways to Colorado College cohort is slated to begin at CC in the fall of 2026. Through the partnership, CC will enroll up to two transfer students from Pikes Peak State College each year. The program is designed to support students from early

planning through enrollment, including pre-application advising on admission, financial aid, and transfer credit evaluation from both PPSC and CC staff.

“This partnership reflects a shared commitment to expanding educational opportunity in our community,” said Colorado College President Manya Whitaker. “By creating a clear and supportive pathway, we aim to ensure that talented students from Pikes Peak State College can access the distinctive academic experience offered at Colorado College.”

Under the agreement, PPSC students who earn an associate degree with a GPA of 3.3 or higher will be eligible for admission consideration at Colorado College, subject to standard review by CC’s Admissions Committee. Admitted students who complete required financial aid applications will be considered for all available need-based and merit-based financial aid, including the newly-expanded [Four Corners Pledge](#). Colorado College remains one of only 84 colleges and universities that meets full demonstrated financial need for admitted students.

“We’re grateful to Colorado College for their partnership and for their commitment to students across our community,” said Pikes Peak State College President Lance Bolton. “This agreement reflects what’s possible when educators come together with a shared purpose. Our students are talented, driven, and ready for what’s next. This creates a meaningful pathway for them to continue their education and contribute to our region.”

Key features of the PPSC to CC transfer pathway include:

- **Academic Advising Support:** Colorado College will provide advising to prospective transfer students on academic programs, transfer credits, and course planning. Students are encouraged to begin the process during the fall term prior to graduation.
- **Transfer Credit Policy:** Up to 64 approved semester hours from PPSC may be transferred, in accordance with Colorado College’s transfer credit guidelines.
- **Graduation Requirements:** Transfer students must complete a minimum of 16 units at Colorado College and meet all institutional graduation requirements.
- **Undergraduate Opportunities:** Eligible students may participate in Colorado College-affiliated [grants, summer institutes and projects](#), as well as [study abroad](#) programs, depending on their academic course of study.

Additional details regarding admission, advising, financial aid, and program requirements will be shared at the Signing Ceremony on April 30. The partnership underscores both institutions’ commitment to student success and to building stronger educational connections within the region.

### **About Colorado College**

Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts institution in Colorado Springs, Colorado, founded in 1874. Known for its innovative Block Plan, students take one class at a time in intensive 3½-week segments, allowing for deep focus and engagement in and beyond the classroom. With approximately 2,200 undergraduates, the College offers 42 majors,

30 department minors, and 24 thematic minors, as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching. Colorado College holds the Research Colleges and Universities (RCU) designation from Carnegie and ACE and is consistently recognized as a top Fulbright- and Peace Corps-producing institution. A leader in sustainability, the College was the first in the Rocky Mountain Region and eighth in the nation to achieve carbon neutrality. For more information, visit [www.coloradocollege.edu](http://www.coloradocollege.edu).

### **About Pikes Peak State College**

Established in 1968 and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, Pikes Peak offers associate degrees, certificates in career and technical fields and a growing number of bachelors' degrees. With four campuses, various off-campus locations, two military education centers and hundreds of online classes, PPSC provides access to a quality, affordable and flexible education to more than 17,000 students annually with both credit and non-credit classes. For more information visit [www.pikespeak.edu](http://www.pikespeak.edu).

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