PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Pueblo Community College Main Campus

The National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security have designated **Pueblo Community College** a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD) for its cybersecurity program. The designation makes PCC the lone two-year accredited program in southern Colorado. "We are proud of this designation and the hard work our team does to maintain the high standards that come with being a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense," said Brett Burke, Dean of Business and Advanced Technology. "We are excited to continue our dedicated efforts to train, develop, educate, and promote the cybersecurity discipline at PCC."

Veronica Gallegos, Faculty/Coordinator, Computer Information Systems, spent the past year completing the accreditation process. PCC's existing program had to meet stringent criteria to be approved.

"We continue to invest in the program so that students have access to the latest technology and tools," said PCC President Dr. Chato Hazelbaker. "This has led to success in cybersecurity competitions and solid job outcomes."

Students who complete PCC's 61-credit program will receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Cybersecurity and will be prepared to test for industry certification in several areas. They will be able to enter the workforce immediately upon graduation or continue their education straight into our Cybersecurity Bachelors program. "The program curriculum covers critical knowledge areas that align with current industry needs and government standards," Gallegos said. "With this designation, students will develop practical skills that employers are actively seeking."

DESIGNATIONS
• **CAE-Cyber Defense**

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