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Pueblo Community College announced as Pueblo's 2016 Public Health Champion

The Pueblo City-County Health Department announced Pueblo Community College was honored as the 2016 Public Health Champion for displaying significant contributions to Pueblo's public health as a role model in the Pueblo community.



Public Health Director Sylvia Proud (middle) presents Kristina Lyon (left) and Dr. Patty Erjavec of Pueblo Community College with the 2016 Public Health Champion award.

"Congratulations on a well-deserved award for Pueblo Community College. Pueblo's public health community acknowledges Pueblo Community College as a role model in the Pueblo community," stated Sylvia Proud, public health director at the Pueblo City-County Health Department.

Pueblo Community College was selected as the 2016 Public Health Champion for its commitment to promoting health and protecting the environment. Pueblo Community College President Patty Erjavec and Recreation Center Coordinator Kristina Lyon from the Pueblo campus will accept the award at the monthly Pueblo City-County Board of Health meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016.

Pueblo Community College's involvement as a role model for public health observed in many areas was noted:

- Food safety and healthy options through the college's culinary arts program and Café Joe (a distinguished member of [Pueblo Partner in Food Safety](#)).
- Commitment to improving childcare systems and policies with Children First.
- Involvement in tobacco education and four tobacco-free campuses (Pueblo County, Fremont County, Montezuma County and San Juan Basin).
- Opening the college's exercise facilities to community members for better health.

This year, for the first time, nominations were received from Pueblo community partners in addition to Pueblo City-County Board of Health and health department staff members.

Pueblo Community College joins past Public Health Champions in receiving this prestigious award:

- 2015 Southern Colorado Runners Club
- 2014 Dr. Anne Courtright
- 2013 John Panepinto, BPh
- 2012 Dr. Jarvis Ryals

View photos of the past Public Health Champion recipients by visiting www.pueblohealthdept.org.

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