

Give us time to share your news and events! Submit a publicity request at pikespeak.edu/publicity-request at least three weeks before you would like promotion to begin. To be included in the Aug 31–Sept 13 issue of the SSJ, submit your request by 5 pm Wed, Aug 19.

Refer to pikespeak.edu/ssj or your PPSC email for a digital edition with live links.

BACK TO SCHOOL BASHES & STUDENT EMPLOYMENT FAIRS

Kick off your first weeks back by connecting with campus and community resources, hiring departments and enjoying a complimentary breakfast or lunch on us!

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

Aug 18 | 9am–12pm | Learning Commons

RAMPART RANGE CAMPUS

Aug 19 | 9am–1pm | Atrium

CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

Aug 25 | 9am–1pm
The Grove & Learning Commons

CHES CAMPUS

Aug 26 | 9am–12pm | The Cantina

*Please note, complimentary meals are available for students only and as supplies last.

ASK AN AARDVARK

Aug 17 | 8am–2pm | Various Campuses

Need help finding a classroom, office or campus resource? Look for an Ask an Aardvark table during the first week of classes. Friendly staff, faculty and student volunteers will be available to help you find your way.

Tables will be available around various locations at all campuses throughout the first week of classes from 8am–2pm. For more information, contact sel@pikespeak.edu.

For more welcome-back events, scan the QR code to check out the entire Student Engagement and Leadership events calendar!



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

DINOSAUR DAYS

Aug 18–20 | 12–2pm | Centennial, Learning Commons

Dig into prehistoric history in the Learning Commons at Centennial Campus! Explore real dinosaur fossils and casts from the Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center, co-hosted with the PPSC Geology Department. Enjoy special programming August 18–20, with lunch at 12pm, a presentation at 12:30pm and a scavenger hunt with prizes from 1–2pm. The **Bones on Display** exhibit will remain at the Centennial Learning Commons from August through October.

Contact lacey.palmrose@pikespeak.edu for more info.

UPCOMING: COFFEE WITH A COP

Sep 3 | 11am–1pm | Centennial, A201

Connect with PPSC Police in a relaxed, welcoming space. Ask questions, learn more about campus safety and build community through open conversation. Light refreshments, games and small prizes will be available. Contact 719-502-2900 for more info.

UPCOMING: BOODLEBOX x PPSC HACKATHON

Sep 28 | Centennial, Theater

Team up with other students to design and build BoodleBox AI bots that address challenges in higher education and workforce development. You can showcase your skills and compete for trophies, swag and service-learning credit. Register by Wed, Sep 16. The hackathon begins Mon, Sep 21, with the final showcase on Mon, Sep 28. For more info, contact studentexperience@pikespeak.edu.

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

ENGINEERING ADVISING

Aug 17 | By Appointment | Rampart, E211

Meet one on one with Interim Director of Engineering Dr. McKenna Lovejoy.

Get help with course planning, explore engineering pathways and learn about ways to connect with the Engineering community. Scan the QR code to complete the advising form to schedule your appointment. Virtual appointments are available. For more info, contact mckenna.lovejoy@pikespeak.edu.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES OPEN HOUSE

Aug 17–21 | 9am–2pm | Centennial, A130

TRIO Student Support Services helps eligible students stay on track, connect with resources and work toward graduation. Stop by to meet the TRIO team, learn about the program and find support for your college journey. The open house runs Aug 17–21 from 9am–2pm. For more info, contact 719-502-3222.

UPCOMING: STUDENT SPACEFLIGHT EXPERIMENT PROGRAM (SSEP) MISSION 22

Application Deadline: Aug 28

Are you interested in sending an experiment to the International Space Station? Do you want the chance to attend a SpaceX launch? If so, apply to be part of the Colorado Springs Student Spaceflight Experiment Program (SSEP)! All students welcome, no prior experience needed! Potential stipend available. Complete the application form by Fri, Aug 28. Kickoff meeting takes place on Tues, Sept 1 from 6–7pm. Activities take place during the fall and spring semesters at Rampart and Centennial campuses. Scan the QR code to apply. For more info, contact mckenna.lovejoy@pikespeak.edu.

STUDENT CLUBS



Connect, learn, and lead through student clubs at PPSC. Join a group or start your own! Scan the QR code to learn more.

ARMONIA HISPANA MEETING

Every Wed, Starting Aug 19 | 1–2:30pm
Centennial, A200V

Connect with other students, speak Spanish and celebrate Hispanic culture. Armonia Hispana offers community support, help with homework and class content, and a welcoming space where you can be yourself. For more info, contact yajanetsy.ruanoortega@pikespeak.edu.

SPECTRUM GENDER ACCEPTANCE CLUB FALL MEETINGS

Every Other Mon, Starting Aug 31 | 3–4:30pm
Centennial, A200V

Spectrum is a safe place for students to explore and express their gender diversity. However you identify, you are welcome here and you will be respected. For more info, contact 719-659-9768.



FALL NEURODIVERSITY CLUB MEETINGS

Every Wed, Starting Aug 26 | 2:30–4:30pm
Centennial, A200V | Virtual, Discord

Connect with other students, share your college experiences and help promote neurodiversity awareness and advocacy. The club welcomes students with ADHD, autism, dyslexia and other ways of experiencing and processing the world. Join in person or scan the QR code to join our Discord channel. For more info, contact ppsc.neurodiversityclub@pikespeak.edu.

UPCOMING: PHI THETA KAPPA (PTK) NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Sep 11 | 10am–12pm | Centennial, C200

Anyone interested in Phi Theta Kappa is welcome. Meet PTK officers, advisors and members while learning about membership benefits and resources, including the member dashboard and PTK Connect. Refreshments will be provided. For more info, contact ppsc.ptk@pikespeak.edu.

TIP TO STARTING OUT YOUR CLASSES ON THE RIGHT FOOT!

Use the MyCourses (D2L) card in your portal to find your syllabus, required books and supplies, instructor information and more. Your classes will appear in D2L by their start date.

New to D2L? Complete *MyCourses Roadmap: Your Digital Backpack*, an optional, self-paced guide that can help you get ready before classes begin.

Already familiar with D2L? Skip ahead and complete the quiz.

