The number of students enrolled in the new surveying degree program at Western Colorado Community College in Grand Junction has increased from 4 to 17 in its first year, thanks largely to the efforts of instructor and coordinator Tom Sylvester, PLS. The PLSC pledged $250,000 in 2017 to support the start of this new much needed program, the only one in Colorado.

PLSC President Todd Beers led an effort to ask members to help participate in a request from the NSGS to participate in the GPS on benchmarks program, where volunteers gathered data in two continuous 4 hour static GPS sessions with survey grade equipment, using the NGS priority map. This data will be used by the NGS in their new geoid model. The response was very positive.

The PLSC Executive Director received a call from a rural Colorado landowner who had her boundary challenged by her neighbor and needed help. This developed into an interesting story, which the landowner recently published in *American Surveyor*.

Brian Dennis, a PLSC Director, conducts extensive outreach with schools to inspire student interest in a surveying career. He constructed his own virtual sandbox that displays topographic lines in the sand, which was very popular at last year’s National Guidance Counselor conference in Denver.

The PLSC Board approved of the $10 increase in annual dues requested by the NSPS.

Finally, the PLSC will again be hosting the annual Refresher Courses, to prepare aspiring professionals to sit for the exam. It will be held from January 9 to March 20th in Golden, Colorado. For the first time, students will be able to take these courses live and online.