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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jamie Wilkins

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Please join the Foundation in welcoming our newest Board of Director member, Jamie Biesemeier-Wilkins. Jamie was named President of Arvada based Industrial Chemicals Corporation in 2019. Prior to becoming President, Jamie spent 12 years serving as the Vice President of Finance where she oversaw financial, accounting, payroll, and human resources functions for the 33-employee organization. In addition to serving on the Red Rocks Community College Foundation Board of Directors, Jamie also serves on the Board of Directors for Community Table, an Arvada based nonprofit dedicated to providing nutrition and self-sufficiency resources to financially challenged community members.



Angela King

NEW FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Red Rocks Community College Foundation Board of Directors are excited to announce Angela King as our new Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. Angela holds a Master's in Community Development with a Nonprofit Management focus and a B.S. in Natural Resources from the University of Nebraska. She brings with her over 16 years of nonprofit experience. Angela has been advocating on behalf of community colleges for the past 12 years, most recently as Associate Development Director in the Foundation at Front Range Community College. She officially began her new role as Executive Director on July 6th, 2020. We are confident Angela's strong experience and leadership will help us continue to be at the forefront of providing diverse, inclusive, and equitable education, as well as being an integral part of the communities we serve. We are thrilled to have her.

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A Letter From The Presidents

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

This past spring, our world changed. Our nation, our communities, and our way of life were deeply impacted by the global pandemic. Education at Red Rocks Community College suddenly looked dramatically different. Our faculty and staff spent their spring breaks and many late nights moving classrooms and student services online. Students faced increasing challenges in both their academic and personal lives. But they did not face those challenges alone. The Foundation and College listened and worked alongside them to ensure they finished the academic year.



*John Trefny, PhD, Board President
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Students rose up to meet the challenging semester head-on. RRCC awarded 1,304 degrees and certificates to 1,065 students in the spring of 2020. And while we missed seeing them cross the stage in their regalia, we could not be more proud of their perseverance and resilience during this time.

The Red Rocks Community College Foundation continues to focus on its vision of helping students of ALL income levels have access to higher education. The challenges of the past year have only more deeply grounded us in our mission to support student success and excellence in academics. We have found new ways to support our students who were experiencing financial hardships due to the pandemic by bolstering our Emergency Student Scholarship support. Our donors have risen to meet this need with an incredible display of generosity.

Red Rocks Community College Foundation finished its fundraising year on strong footing. Since 1991, we have raised \$19 million in support of the College and its students. Your support has helped us to award more than 4,300 scholarships totaling over \$7.1 million and contributed nearly \$6.4 million in program support to the College. We've acknowledged and awarded 26 Teaching Chairs for outstanding faculty instruction.

While we are proud of these accomplishments, what matters most is the difference we are making in the lives of our students and in our communities. In the following pages, we share additional information about the exciting things we have been working on in the past year.

As we look to the future, we know that community colleges will be critical to supporting our shared recovery from this crisis. We hope that you join us in reflecting on the unique role that places like Red Rocks hold in our community—focused on students, committed to individual integrity, intellectual excellence, and social responsibility, small enough to be personal and welcoming, yet large enough to provide access and opportunity.

Thank you again for your continued support and generosity. Together, we will remain resilient and resolute on recovery.

Goodbye Ron

Last December, the RRCC family said good-bye to Ron Slinger. Ron is now serving as the 9th President of Miles City Community College, in Montana. Ron worked with RRCC for 9 years as the Executive Director to the Foundation and VP of Institutional Advancement, Strategic Partnerships, and Workforce Solutions, and in that time more than doubled annual fundraising. Ron raised over \$36 million and brought in two of the college's largest gifts of \$1 million each. Ron left a tremendous impact at RRCC that is felt by all of our students, faculty, and staff. We thank Ron for his 9 years of service to RRCC! We know he will knock it out of the park at Miles City Community College.



EXCELLENCE at Red Rocks Community College



Housing and Food Insecurity Council Emergency Fund

The COVID-19 global public health crisis has created an unprecedented time of challenge for students at RRCC. In response, RRCC has taken swift action by creating an emergency fund to assist current students who feel their ability to remain in school has been threatened by financial losses due to the pandemic. Through the Housing and Food Insecurity Emergency Grant Program, every RRCC student is eligible for a one-time opportunity to apply for financial assistance that can be used for food, housing, course materials, health care, child care, transportation, or technology needs for remote learning. RRCC Foundation is committed to securing continued funding for this initiative, and the students are incredibly grateful for the support.

rrcc.edu/student-success-services/student-resources



Rock the Mask for RRCC

RRCC is committed to combating the spread of COVID-19 and keeping the community safe. The Trefny Honors Program, IDEA Lab, Theater & Arts Department, RRCC Foundation and our generous donors all collaborated on the Rock the Mask for RRCC Project. Many people volunteered their time with supplying materials or for sewing the masks. The goal was to make sure that masks would be readily available for students, faculty, staff, and the community of RRCC. To date, the program has helped to sew and distribute thousands of masks!

rrcc.edu/honors/honors-service-learning



Cyber Security

Members of the RRCC Cyber Team partnered with Team LogRhythm to travel to Singapore to compete in the Cyber Defenders Discovery Camp (CDDC) hackathon. They were the only U.S. team to compete in CDDC. The competition featured over 600 teams from various countries, and members of the RRCC team scored in the bronze level! The Cyber Team has done a tremendous job of representing RRCC in local, regional, national, and now international competitions. The team regularly competes against other community colleges, as well as four-year schools and has placed in numerous events over their time as a team. Congratulations to all of the Cyber Team members and supporters!

rrcc.edu/cyber

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

The Colorado Health Foundation

“My clinical rotations at [community health centers] were invaluable experiences with diverse patients that helped to strengthen not only my clinical skills and knowledge, but also my cultural competency.”

- Rachel Wolfe PA-S2, Graduating in November 2020

At Red Rocks Community College, we believe that all Coloradans deserve equitable access to competent and compassionate primary medical care. RRCC’s Physician Assistant (PA) Program is the only Master’s degree-offering community college PA program in the US, one of only four programs in Colorado preparing physician assistants, and the only program dedicated to preparing PAs for primary care practice. A recent grant from the Colorado Health Foundation will allow RRCC to expand our training of clinically competent and compassionate PAs, increasing the number of primary care-focused PAs added to the Colorado workforce annually.

The generous \$342,273 grant from the Colorado Health Foundation is supporting the RRCC PA Program’s launch of an exciting new student fellowship program. The project, titled “Expanding

Physician Assistance Training in Primary Care,” is working to expand the number of qualified PAs who practice primary care after graduation, addressing the statewide shortage of primary care providers and an urgent community need for primary care providers who are well-trained to meet the particular needs of underserved communities. Over three years, four PA students per year will receive fellowships of just over \$10,000 to support one year of clinical training at community health centers in underserved Colorado communities.

“Community health has been much more gratifying than anything I had previously experienced. It was amazing to see the opportunities and services available to patients, including multidisciplinary approaches, coordination with WIC and specialty providers, and multiple discount programs. We were fortunate to participate in the care of these patients and learn from the well-rounded providers.”

- Breiana Pedersen, MBS, PAS

The fellowship supports students in meeting both their educational and financial needs, while offering a unique opportunity

for inter-professional education within a partner clinic serving an underserved, high need community. Currently, the PA Program is partnering with Sunrise

Community Health—a Federally Qualified Health Center with ten clinics located throughout Weld County, Colorado—pairing Primary Care Fellows alongside Sunrise

preceptor physicians. RRCC and Sunrise are working to establish an educational and career pipeline to Sunrise sites, in which Sunrise will recruit RRCC Primary Care Fellows after graduation for an opportunity to practice primary care in Weld County.

“Working with [Sunrise Community Health] demonstrated to me how impactful having the right resources can be. It was very rewarding to be able to provide our patients with financial screening, diabetic educators, and behavioral health all out of the same clinic. It was also fulfilling to see the tremendous impact of providing care to the uninsured and underinsured.”

- Tina Walley PA-S2, Graduating in November 2020

The first cohort of Primary Care Fellows will graduate in November 2020. We are thrilled to partner with the Colorado Health Foundation on this endeavor, and are so grateful to the Colorado Health Foundation’s dedication to improving the health and wellbeing of Coloradans.



The RRCC Physician Assistant (PA) Program is the only Master degree offering community college PA program in Colorado.

CHAMPION OF EDUCATION

Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI)

The RRCC Foundation Board of Directors recognized Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative (COSI) for their commitment to changing lives through education. As champions of education, COSI has funded more than one million in scholarships to students at RRCC and provided more than \$500K in grants to support student success programming at the institution.



COSI representatives and 2019-2020 COSI Scholars at the 2019 RRCC Foundation Donor Luncheon.

MAKE4COVID

This past March, life started to look much different for everyone. Many people were looking for ways they could help in this pandemic, and with that an amazing collaboration called Make4Covid was put together. It started with a call for help and an idea to use 3D printers to make shared ventilator connections. Doctors, hospitals, medical businesses, engineers, Colorado Universities and Colleges, and members of the general public came together to help one another in this collaboration to find innovative ways to address the shortage of medical equipment across the state.

Members of the RRCC IDEA Lab helped spearhead RRCC's participation in Make4Covid. The project was led by IDEA Lab Staff Jeremy Beard (Academic Lead) and Tyler LeClear (IDEA Manager), with the help of countless RRCC students and alumni, including former Foundation Scholar Shelby Ryan.

The team worked from home rapidly designing prototypes on a shared ventilator, as hospitals were worried they could run low on ventilators. With a lot of hours worked, and many virtual

meetings with health professionals, the team designed two prototypes that were tested at a local hospital. The prototype was a success to local doctors. The device is not currently

medically approved, and won't necessarily be used. However, the team is working with a local company to explore regulations and see if it could one day be considered medical grade. The team will continue to look in their design and research of a shared ventilator. The team was extremely happy with what they put together, but look forward to continuing on this process and expanding to fit the current needs of hospitals.

We are all very proud of our RRCC students, faculty, and staff who have continued to look for innovative solutions to this new world. The program is accepting donations that will go to buying materials for the prototype, aiding the people donating their time to address these concerns, and building towards a community of makers, designers, and educators who are sharing and learning from one another.

If you would like to donate for Make4Covid, please visit our site for more info: www.rcc.edu/medequip4covid.



(Left) IDEA Lab designed a two-part air pressure regulator with 3D printed clamps to control air flow to two separate patients using one ventilator. (Right) Students set up makeshift IDEA Lab in their homes to 3D print parts for the ventilator project.

Red Rocks Community College Honors
**26TH ENDOWED
 TEACHING CHAIR
 WINNER**

It is the Foundation Board of Directors honor to announce the 2020 Swede Johnson/Coors Endowed Teaching Chair winner, Dr. Sally Cirincione. Sally is a Faculty member and Program Lead of RRCC's Outdoor Education Program. Sally will be awarded \$22,500 over the next three years with salary enhancement and professional development funds.

Student success is directly influenced by faculty excellence, and RRCC strives to deliver exceptional educational experience to all students by recruiting, recognizing, and rewarding exceptional faculty. The RRCC Foundation is committed to ensuring we support that vision with meaningful faculty support and programs.

RRCC Foundation provides numerous opportunities to assist our faculty. RRCC Faculty receive support through our Adjunct Tuition Reimbursement Program, Mini Grants, Dr. Agneta Albinsson Endowment Fund Professional Development Grant, Foundation Board of Directors Innovation Challenge Program, and Endowed Teaching Chair Program.

The 2019-2020 Academic Year saw the Foundation provide over \$65,000 in support to Full Time and Adjunct Faculty. Our faculty has had to quickly adapt to a new learning environment and we can not thank them enough for their teaching excellence and continued support to our RRCC students! We look forward to continuing to support our faculty during the 2020-2021 Academic Year.



Dr. Sally Cirincione, Faculty member and Program Lead of RRCC's Outdoor Education Program

“Outdoor education is my passion and what I am interested in sharing with people. I worked hard to build a program that we felt good about. We were relatively unknown seven years ago and we were just awarded the second-best adventure school last year.”

~ Dr. Sally Cirincione

*Endowed Teaching
 Chairs*

The RRCC Endowed Teaching Chair Program is the only multi-year faculty award in the Colorado Community College System. It is a meaningful way to recognize and award our outstanding faculty.

Endowed Teaching Chairs Past and Present:

Year	Awardee	Award Donor
2020-2022	Sally Cirincione	Swede Johnson/Coors
2019-2021	Elyse Marsh	Leprino Family Foundation
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2017-2019	Brandon English	Swede Johnson/Coors
2016-2018	Stina French	Leprino Family Foundation
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2009-2011	Sherry Dewald	Foundation Board of Directors
2008-2010	Steve Kaye	Swede Johnson/Coors
	Stephanie Berg-Oram	The Student Voice
2007-2009	Marjorie Berman	The Student Voice
	Amy Braziller	Leprino Family Foundation
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2002-2004	Candace Garrod	Swede Johnson/Coors
	Jack Stanesco	Leprino Family Foundation

Red Rocks Community College Foundation

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

ASSETS	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$412,859	\$381,443
Accounts receivable, other	1,281	2,519
Accrued interest receivable	6,862	719
Prepaid expenses	2,000	2,000
Investments	5,973,746	5,829,431
Art and donor recognition walls	17,758	17,758
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder unitrusts	112,625	617,135
Beneficial interest in life insurance, cash value	27,437	26,616
Total Assets	\$6,554,568	\$6,877,121

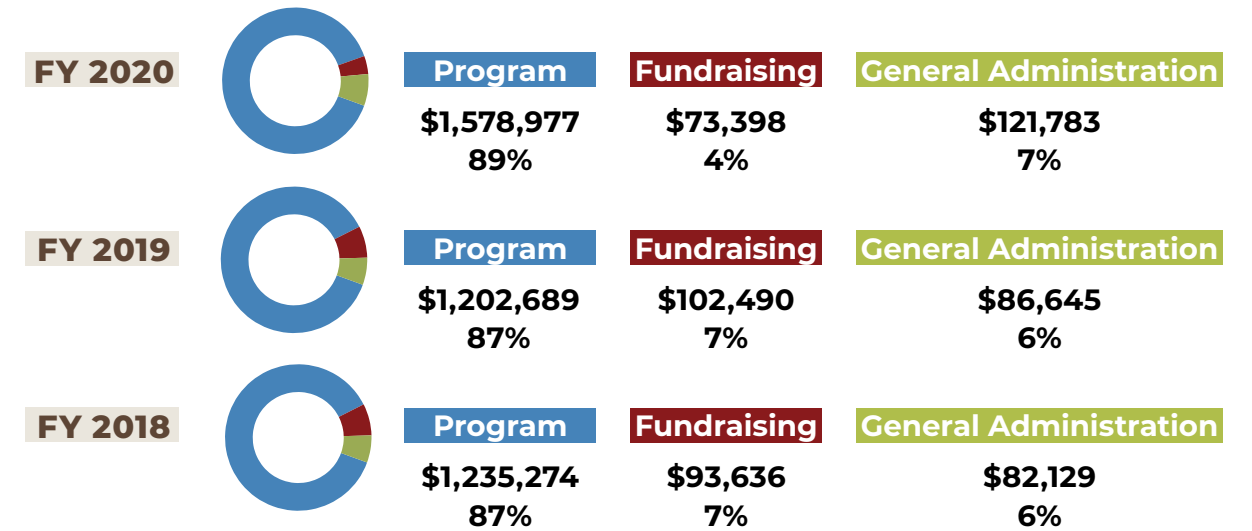
LIABILITIES

Accounts payable, trade	30,017	-
Accounts payable, related party	65,653	28,024
Total Liabilities	95,670	28,024

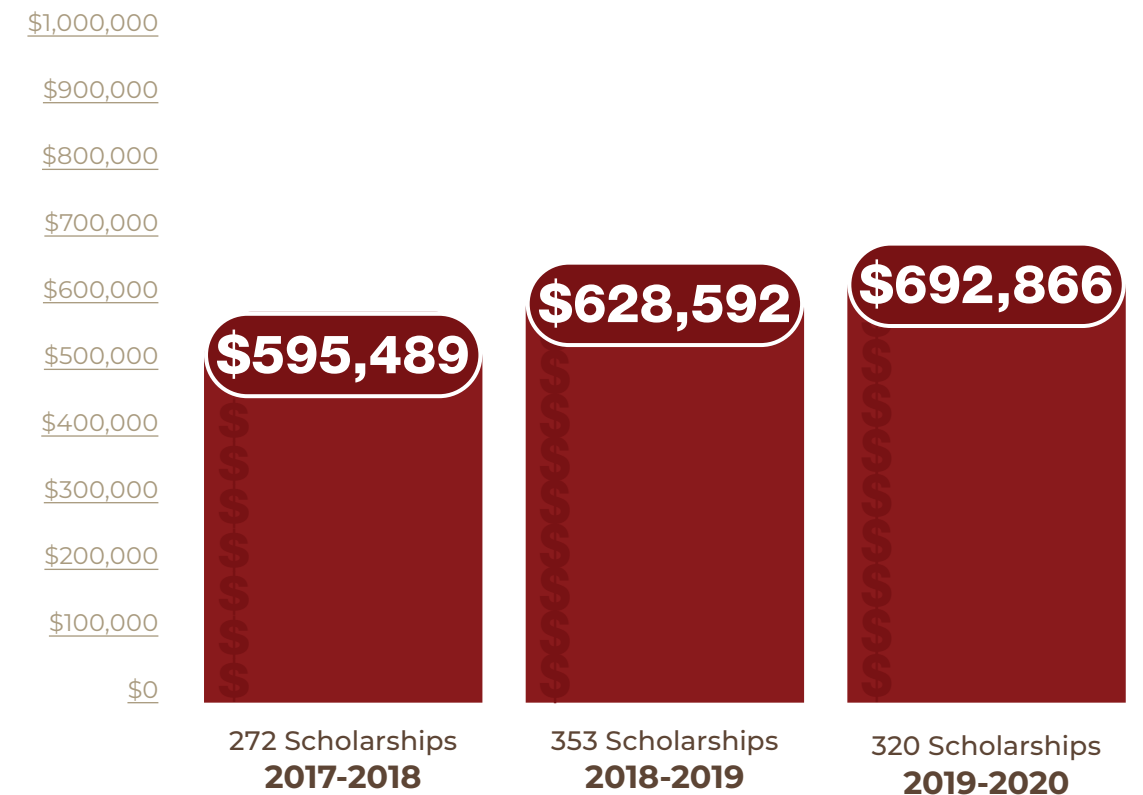
NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions:		
Undesignated	1,310,393	1,449,323
With Donor Restrictions:		
Purpose Restriction	1,520,232	1,635,332
Perpetual in nature	3,628,273	3,764,442

Total net assets	6,458,898	6,849,097
Total liabilities and net assets	\$6,554,568	\$6,877,121



FOUNDATION EXPENSES BY FISCAL YEAR



SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS AWARDED

DONORS

The Red Rocks Community College Foundation is grateful to the many donors and friends who have given their support during the 2019-2020 academic year. It is the policy of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation to promptly acknowledge the receipt of all donations. Every effort has been made to create a comprehensive list of supporters. If your name is missing or incorrect, please contact us at 303-914-6308 so that we may correct the error.

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“Bob truly left a lasting legacy for Red Rocks and for our surrounding communities. His generosity has been felt by so many students, many who would’ve not been able to attend college without a scholarship.”

This past year, the Red Rocks family was saddened by the passing of our dear friend and long-time supporter, Bob Barber. Bob was an entrepreneur, a world class photographer, at one time held the world land speed record, and volunteered weekly at the Denver Nature and Science Museum. He did all of this while being an amazing father and devoted husband.

The RRCC Foundation would have never become the thriving organization that it is today without

Bob’s steady hand over 20+ years on the Foundation Board. Bob and his wife, Margaret, have always been very committed to helping students here at Red Rocks Community College. Bob and Margaret Barber’s initial investment helped the Foundation start its endowment fund. The Barber Family Endowment Fund is the largest privately donated endowment within the Foundation. The Barbers were responsible for 12 of the first 14 RRCC Foundation scholarships ever awarded in 1994. Since its inception, the Barber

Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship Fund has changed the lives of 155 students and continues to support students here at Red Rocks in his memory.

Bob also had his fingerprints on the establishment of the Barber-Nichols, Inc. Scholarship. In 1996, Bob and his business partner, Ken Nichols, founded the Barber-Nichols Company in Arvada. They specialize in engineering and precision manufacturing aerospace industry equipment. In 1999, the Barber-Nichols, Inc. Scholarship

was created to give students the financial opportunity to pursue their educational goals. To date, the scholarship has supported 62 students with close to \$240,000 in scholarships.

The Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Red Rocks Community College owe a large debt of gratitude to the Barbers for their transformational generosity. Bob’s vision for making a quality college education accessible for hard-working students will continue here for many years to come.



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