

HRSA Grant Anchors the Colorado Collaboration for Rural Health Access

There are 64 counties in the State of Colorado, 54 of them are designated by the federal government as Health Professional Shortage Areas. In other words, there is only one primary care physician for every 3,500+ residents. Eight Colorado counties have only one primary care physician, six have only part-time physicians and one county is absent any primary care physician. If current trends continue, by 2025 there will be a statewide shortage of nearly 2,200 primary care providers.

The Colorado Collaboration for Rural Health Access (CCRHA) has been formed to begin changing the current trends. A partnership between RRCC's Physician Assistant (PA) program, Colorado Counties Incorporated, Colorado Municipal League and the Special Districts Association, the CCRHA is working with communities to help them build capacity to recruit and retain primary care providers and support the development of an educational pipeline that will train health professionals most likely to return to home to serve their community.

Physician Assistants play a critical role in the delivery of primary care as their training is generally about two years and they can perform 80% of the tasks in a supervising physician's scope of practice. PAs are part of a MD – PA team and one medical doctor

can supervise up to four full-time PAs or equivalent. PAs on average can conduct 4800 patient visits per year.

The Physician Assistant Program at Red Rocks Community College is one of only two programs in Colorado preparing physician assistants and the only program dedicated to preparing PAs for primary care practice. The mission of the Program is to train clinically competent and compassionate PAs to provide primary care to the medically underserved.

In 2010, the PA program was awarded a five year grant from the Health Resources and Human Services Administration (HRSA)

that will create two scholarships for students who intend to practice in rural communities in Colorado or neighboring Wyoming (Wyoming has no PA training programs). At the end of the five-year grant, as many as six new PAs will be working in rural communities.

The newly formed CCRHA will work to expand opportunities for clinical training sites in Colorado and help to sustain the scholarship opportunities available to students committed to rural practice. For more information about the Collaboration or the HRSA grant please contact Program Director, Deb Nickell, PhD, PA-C at debra.nickell@rrcc.edu

Summer Events at Red Rocks

West Metro Family Fire Muster
Saturday, June 12, 9:30 – 2:00
www.westmetrofire.org



Relay for Life
July 15-16, 2011 6pm – 8am
www.relayforlife.org/lakewoodco



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Scholarship Judges Wanted

Each year, the Foundation needs approximately 100 community members to serve as scholarship judges for an afternoon.

Judges don't need any special experience, just a willingness to spend some time and energy thoughtfully reading through and scoring applications. A brief training will be provided at the beginning of the session.

When: June 17, 2011, 1-4pm
Where: RRCC, Lakewood Campus

For more information or to volunteer please contact Julie Dike at 303.914.6426 or at Julie.dike@rrcc.edu

Bedrock

(bed-rock *n.* 1. solid rock beneath the soil; 2. a secure foundation; 3. basic principles or facts.)
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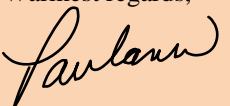
From the Executive Director's Desk

Graduation can often times be a bittersweet event – while there is celebration for a great accomplishment, there is also a bit of sadness that goes with leaving friends and mentors and the apprehension of an unknown future waiting ahead.

The culmination of the 2010-2011 academic year was particularly bittersweet for me, as this will be my last as the Executive Director of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation. Ten years ago I was fortunate enough to be asked to join the Foundation and have spent the last decade serving a top-notch organization. I have had the good fortune to work with outstanding volunteer leadership through the Foundation board, and assist our fabulous donors with supporting our students in pursuing their educational dreams. It has been an honor and a pleasure to be part of such an outstanding organization.

I have accepted a similar position with the Casper College Foundation in Casper, WY. Though I dread the wind, my family and I are excited to return to our home state and spend more time with extended family and at the same time have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Casper in their pursuit of educational opportunities. I know I will miss my colleagues, our Board members, and our donors immensely. You have all played such an important role in my life. However, I also know I leave the Foundation in great hands and that they will continue to provide opportunities and support for Red Rocks and our communities.

Thank you all for the support, friendship and encouragement you've given me over the years. If you find yourself heading north in I-25, make sure and stop in - my door will always be open.

Warmest regards,

Paulann Doane
Executive Director

2011-2013 Swede Johnson/Coors Foundation Teaching Chair Award Recipient Announced



Dr. Michele Haney, RRCC President; Paulann Doane, RRCC Foundation Executive Director; Psychology Students; Fawn Oates, Teaching Chair Recipient; and Kristen Anderson, RRCC Foundation Board President.

Fawn Oates has been selected as the Swede Johnson/Coors Foundation Teaching Chair for 2011-2013. The RRCC Foundation Teaching Chair Program, the only multi-year faculty award in the Colorado Community College System, is a meaningful way of recognizing and awarding outstanding faculty. The Mike Leprino Family Foundation and Coors Brewing Company endowed the first two chairs in 2001.

A member of the Psychology Department faculty for the past five years, Fawn consistently brings an incredible level of commitment and enthusiasm to her classroom each day. Her dynamic teaching style was captured in the following student review, "I liked how the teacher was involved with the students. She used fun to teach the class and it made me want to go to her class."

Fawn is committed to expanding opportunities for her students inside

and outside of the classroom. In her own words, "Being a good teacher means going outside the box. Sometimes that means making life inside the classroom more interesting, and sometimes it means going outside the classroom completely." In addition to teaching five or more classes each semester, she serves as the faculty advisor for the Role Playing Club, Community Film Club and the Peopleology Club (formerly the Psychology Club).

Recipients of a RRCC Teaching Chair Award are selected from full-time faculty following a portfolio review and initial screening by a panel of faculty representatives. The panel then forwards a list of finalists to the RRCC Foundation Board of Directors for final selection. Each recipient is awarded a three-year salary enhancement of \$5,000 per year in addition to \$2,500 per year for professional development.

Report on the Rocks

RRCC Hosts 9Health Fair

On April 16, 2011, Red Rocks Community College partnered with 9Health Fair to present more than 20 free and low-cost health screenings and education offerings. 9Health Fair, Colorado's largest volunteer-run, non-profit health care program, urges anyone over 18 to attend. With more than 150 sites across Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska, 9Health Fair delivers free and low-cost health screenings and education.

Dozens of volunteers made the annual event a success and a grant from the RRCC Student Voice helped further reduce the costs to individuals. Keep an eye out for spring 2012 dates.

Enrollment Continues to Soar
Enrollment at RRCC has hit another all-time high with 22,000 students on campus this year. This marks a

69% increase in enrollment over the past five years.

102 Youth Honored

On March 9, 2011 the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth (AWRSAY) held their tenth annual recognition ceremony at Arvada West High School. In total, 102 students were recognized for overcoming adversity in their lives. Twenty-five high school seniors were awarded scholarships to attend Red Rocks Community College. The \$750 scholarship can be used for enrollment during the summer, fall or spring semesters. Eighty-four additional students were honored during the ceremony. All the students were given a refurbished personal computer.

The Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth (AWRSAY) was created in 2001 by volunteers who wanted a program that recognizes youth who have overcome a major obstacle or adversity. Unlike other programs,

AWRSAY seeks to recognize these deserving youth by providing recognition and in the case of seniors, scholarships to Red Rocks Community College. Since their inception ARWSAY has recognized 597 youth and provided over 215 college scholarships. AWRSAY's mission is to provide ongoing recognition, educational and leadership opportunities for Arvada and Wheat Ridge teens who have overcome adversity. Our vision is that all Arvada and Wheat Ridge teens will recognize, act on, and realize their potential to succeed. Help us help our teens; nominate a deserving teen, or support AWRSAY through funding, mentoring, or employment. Visit www.rcc.edu/awrsay for more info.

Congrats 2011 Graduates!
Red Rocks Community College had more than 1,600 students eligible to graduate. Approximately 180 students participated in RRCC's 41st commencement ceremony held on May 14, 2011.



Did you know that Red Rocks Community College offers culinary training? The Chefs' Apprenticeship Program is offered through the Rocky Mountain Chefs of Colorado with college credit available through Red Rocks Community College.

Apprenticeship is an on-the-job training program combined with technical classroom instruction. This program combines an Associate of Applied Science degree with a 6000-hour (3 Year) European-style Dual registered apprenticeship. Students study the classical foundations of modern cuisine as well as a broad scope of business courses designed to prepare individuals for the

challenges of today's food service industry, while getting paid for each hour worked.

In 2005, after 13 years teaching with an American Culinary Federation sponsored apprenticeship program, Chef Joachim Schaaf and three others combined efforts to form the Rocky Mountain Chefs of Colorado Apprenticeship.



The Rocky Mountain Chefs of Colorado Apprenticeship program is available to recent high school graduates and adults. The program partners with more than a dozen fine dining establishments along the Front Range who serve as sponsoring houses and agree to employ the

apprentice for a period of three years. Chef Schaaf was born in Meinheim, West Germany, a very small town south of Frankfurt. He completed his culinary education throughout Europe where he developed an interest in classical French cuisine and became determined to pursue it. He worked his way up from apprentice to chef de cuisine to demi-chef to chef garde-manger to sous chef to private chef to executive chef. Today Joachim Schaaf is the senior Chef Instructor of the Culinary Arts program at Warren Tech, Jefferson County School District's career and technical high school and the Rocky Mountain Chefs of Colorado.



JOIN US to PARTY for a PURPOSE! Dance Shoes Recommended!

Red Rocks Community College Foundation has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the 12th Annual Rolling Hills Country Club Foundation's Golf Classic.

One of only six country club Foundations in the country, the RHCC Foundation has raised over \$1 million to support Jefferson County non-profit organizations!

Join us this year as we work toward our goal of raising \$150,000 for student scholarships! One other time, RRCC had the honor of being the beneficiary of the RHCC Foundation event and we were able to raise \$125,000! Let's do it again and a little bit more!

Red Hot Rio
The hottest party of the summer!

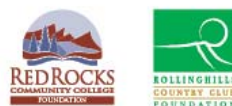
- Quemando**
Denver's ultimate salsa band
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Provided by TEN different area restaurants
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Saturday, June 25th 6pm - 11pm
Rolling Hills Country Club
15707 West 26th Avenue, Golden

Tickets: \$100 per person

For more info or to purchase tickets:
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Veteran's Center Opens on Lakewood Campus

RRCC opened its Veteran's Resource Center on March 16th thanks to the efforts of the campus Veteran's Club and RRCC leadership. The Center will serve as a gathering place for all veterans as they move through their education at RRCC. The opening was celebrated with a ribbon cutting by two WWII veterans, one of whom was Col. (Retired) Otto R. Haney, the father of RRCC President, Dr. Michele Haney.

The Veterans Area is currently staffed by student and faculty volunteers. A TV donated by Sam's Club of Arvada, couches and two computers along with flags representing each branch of the military create an inviting atmosphere. Veterans go there to find information, camaraderie and support. Veterans Club Vice President, Gordon Hatfield stated,

"We have a very simple mission statement: *Veterans helping veterans*. That is all we are trying to do and the room is a very large and integral part of us doing that."

Hatfield went on to say that, "We are trying to make sure everyone has the help they need to succeed after their military service. There are already a lot of war-time veterans showing up at school and there will be a lot more to follow since the military is doing a mandatory downsize with the pull out of the war zones." According to Hatfield many men and women are predicted to pursue higher education through the educational benefits available to them.

The RRCC Veterans Club is exploring how to begin its own Red Rocks chapter of Student Veterans of America, a non-profit

organization made up entirely of student veterans represented across the country at different college campuses. They are also pursuing partnerships with other colleges in metro Denver to share resources and expand opportunities for veterans. They hope to establish a dedicated veteran's scholarship in the near future and continue to network with community agencies to bring counseling and job opportunities to their members.

