

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION NEWS

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Registration for Spring 2013 is now open!
- ECE Open Advising session November 29, 4-6 pm in the Green Mtn. Room
- MEC-CO meeting, Nov. 13, 6:30pm at Starbucks (8th Ave. & Colo Blvd. in Denver)

## NOVEMBER MEANS...THINK SPRING!

It's November and that means it is time to start thinking about spring semester courses. It may mean it is time to talk to Janiece or Kathleen for some advising about what to take next. Or perhaps it means that graduation is right around the corner (finally, all that hard studying and scheduling conflicts between work and classes is paying off, Baby!!)

What ever your situation is looking like as a student, we want you to know that the ECE faculty is here to support you!

With that in mind, here are some tips and pointers to help you plan for your spring semester:

- ◇ What kind of courses fit your schedule best? —we

offer face to face classes, hybrid classes and on-line options. New for Spring will be ECE102 ECE Lab techniques class in an online format with RRCC (CRN33357).

- ◇ We are offering a new ECE certificate, the Early Childhood Teacher-Entry certificate. This two certificate class requires ECE101 & ECE103 coursework for completion and gives the individual those entry level courses required by CDHS Childcare Licensing for EC teachers.
- ◇ The Infant/Toddler Teacher Certificate is now including a one credit field experience (ECE188) course.



- ◇ ECE256 Working with Parents & Families course is being offered as an independent study in spring for AAS degree seeking students.
- ◇ AA degree students needing SCI156 Integrated Science II can now access

## DEAR COLLEAGUES

This is a very introspective time of year for me as holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas draw closer. I savor the blessings of health, family and good friends in my life, the ability to do meaningful work, and to cherish the richness of life well lived like turning over bright copper colored pennies (they

are actually made of mostly zinc these days!) as I count them.

I hope you take the time to count your blessings too in this season of Thanksgiving! Let me share a final thought with you: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that

the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them" ~John F. Kennedy

Janiece & Kathleen



## NOVEMBER MEANS...THINK SPRING [CONT FROM PG 1]

a night course offering in the spring semester. We are strongly encouraging our AA degree students to take advantage of this evening course (CRN 33288), and bonus—you don't have to take SCI 155 first to take this course!

- ◇ A walk-in advising session is scheduled for November 29, 4-6 pm in the Green Mountain

Room just past the Bridge. Janiece and Kathleen will be available to help you plan your next steps. No appointment necessary.

- ◇ And don't forget to apply for spring graduation by February 6th, 2013. We want to cheer you on as you receive your certificate or diploma!
- ◇ For more information on

the many ECE course offerings in the Spring schedule, [click here](#).

*If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome. ~ Anne Bradstreet*



## CHANGE THROUGH CHALLENGE, A DIFFERENT KIND OF CLASS...

Our good friend and faculty member, Andrew Johnston, is leading a different kind of business class this spring. In fact it is just a different kind of class all together.

BUS117: Change Through Challenge is not your traditional business course!

The premise of the course is simple: the key life disciplines (e.g. goal-setting, consistency, overcoming setbacks) that are essential for success in school, business and life can be developed

through the transformative power of marathon training. Period.

The problem with many self-improvement programs is they seldom require the student to APPLY the disciplines they learn in the book / seminar. Training for a marathon requires mastery and APPLICATION of key life disciplines in order to complete the race.

The "Change Through Challenge" course will begin January 21 and will be 21-weeks in duration. The final ex-

am: The 2013 Estes Park Marathon—walk, run or both—the goal is simply to FINISH.

Having finished big races ourselves, Kathleen & Janiece would cheer you on!

If this sounds like the challenge you need for the new year, you can contact Andrew for more information at [andrew.johnston@rrcc.edu](mailto:andrew.johnston@rrcc.edu) or call 303-914-6475.

Visit Andrew's [Blog](#) to get inspired!

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## WHAT?! I NEED A BACKGROUND CHECK TO ENROLL IN ECE COURSES?

Yes! It's true!

All **NEW** students enrolling into the ECE program at RRCC will now be required to complete an online background check with American DataBank.

It is not as hard as you think, in fact the fine folks at American DataBank have made the

background check process very easy!

Students will access the online link to American DataBank on the ECE webpages <http://www.rrcc.edu/ece/>

Follow the link, complete the form and submit payment via credit or debit card and Viola! background check is done!

All for a low cost of \$13.00\*

This check is good for three (3) years while attending RRCC. The background checks are being conducted to provide young children with the utmost safety precautions with our students out in the field conducting observations and field experiences.

\*Cost may vary for out-of-state records checks.

Read about this male ECE student at Univ. of Dayton



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