

Early Childhood Education News

ECE Students! Did you know...?

The Red Rocks

Community Foundation

offers a wide variety of scholarships based upon both need and merit. Scholarship applications for the 2012-2013 term are available on the RRCC Foundation webpage for students:

<http://www.rrcc/foundation/scholarship/index.htm>

Awards range from \$300—\$2500 per semester. Scholarship applications are due by **June 1st!**

Questions? Email the Foundation office at :

scholarships@rrcc.edu

Special points of interest:

- WOYC Documentation show April 23-May 4
- End of Spring semester, May 7. Graduation, May 12
- Open Advising 4-7 pm in the Green Mountain Room, May 17.
- Summer semester begins June 4

Week of the Young Child Documentation Show

Once again Red Rocks ECE department is hosting a documentation show to celebrate *Week of the Young Child*.

This year's documentation show will be on display April 23 through May 4 in the east end of the Main Hall on the Lakewood campus. Seven programs are participating in this showcase of children's work on 20 display panels.

Early Years are Learning Years is the theme for WOYC and what better way to showcase the learning, problem solving, thought processes and development of young children over time as expressed in their creations! This annual documentation show is one of the favorite ways we in the Early Childhood Education department get to show show our RRCC students, faculty, staff and the general public about this unique time of life.

New this year will also be a selec-

tion of work from our own ECE students that document their own learning in our certificate and degree programs in Early Childhood.

Kathleen and I want to thank the following programs for participating in this year's WOYC Documentation Show:

- RRCC Children's Center
- Active Learning Center
- 11th Ave. Headstart-Lakewood
- Compass Montessori
- Yarrow Preschool
- Molholm Elem. Preschool-Jefferson Co.
- Clever Kids

These programs are inviting their children and families to come and



view the display and we encourage you also to stop by and view the displayed works. It is a wonderful opportunity to peek into the minds of young children and see our world through their eyes!

Dear Colleagues

The end of the semester is nearly upon us with only three weeks left before wrapping up an other busy spring of teaching and learning.

For Kathleen and I, it has been a semester of learning new ways to redesign and build our on-line and hybrid classes as we have both participated in a 3 month workshop on developing blended coursework. Our brains are stuffed full of ideas

and resources to help accomplish student engagement in on-line course work.

Before the end of the Spring semester we also hope to roll out a new website to our community on effective teaching practices! This website has been a long project we have been developing over the past two semesters. Look for that announcement and information to be

coming soon!!

What will the summer hold? Well, some rest and time off, teaching an on-line class, redesigning current courses for the fall term, and more R&R time! I wish the same for all of you (the R&R part that is!).

Janiece & Kathleen

ECE Open Advising Session



Do you know any good men who would make a great ECE teacher? Invite them to our next advising session!!

On May 17th, Kathleen and I will be offering an open advising session for all prospective and current ECE students in the Green Mountain Room (located on the Bridge, near the Student Project Center) from 4-7 pm.

During this time we can

1. Advise on degrees and certificates as well as transferring to 4 yr programs
2. Explain and give insight into the state licensing system requirements for ECT and Directors
3. Do a brief evaluation of transcripts

4. Sign forms and special permissions for getting into classes
5. Help plan a course of study
6. Advise your co-workers and colleagues on some next steps

And all of this for the cost of a smile!

Advising is on a first come-first served basis. Take advantage of this opportunity before summer classes begin!!

We plan to offer another session later in the summer prior to the beginning of the fall semester, but why wait?! Map out your future

now!

Kathleen and I are particularly encouraging any interested men to come and explore what they can do in the field of ECE. If you know any dudes in your life that enjoy being with young children, have them come with you to learn more about the ECE profession and the top notch course work we offer here at RRCC!

Colorado HeadStart Association is sponsoring the REACH Literacy Conference!

The REACH for Literacy Education Conference is designed for teachers, parents, and administrators who want to explore and understand the value of early reading readiness, embrace culturally relevant literature and gain knowledge, insight and access to useful curriculum resources to create a richer learning experience.

Date: May 31-June 1, 2012 (Thursday - Friday)

Registration Fee: \$249

Location: The King Center - Auraria Campus, 855 Lawrence Way in Denver, CO 80217

CHSA is able to award 30 scholarships for free registration. Please visit our website to download the flyer and e-mail andrea@coloheadstart.org by Monday, April 23rd with your name, title, e-mail address and phone number if you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



Congratulations Graduates!!

The ECE department congratulates all the graduate candidates for Early Childhood Teacher certificates, Director's certificates and AA degrees. Formal graduation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 12th, at 10 am at the outdoor pavilion/multi-purpose field just north of the east parking lots. This is such a joyous time to celebrate your accomplishments!

For current students who anticipate completing their certificate or de-

gree requirements, be sure you apply for graduation before the date posted in the course schedule for each semester. If you have any questions about graduation, see Kathleen or myself, or you can contact Carla Plucknett in the Student Records Office.

We are proud of your accomplishments and look forward to seeing each of these individuals walk at this year's graduation ceremony on May 12th!

Just for fun...

Have you ever created a word cloud?

Try it for yourself at wordle.net

