

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Congratulations 2013 ECE graduates!
- MEC-C summer Conference, June 1st, 2013.
- Meet our newest ECE adjuncts: Andrew and Jasmine!
- Enjoy your summer break everybody!

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Dear Colleagues

It's time for a well deserved break! Winter has segued into summer, Forget about spring, it mostly didn't happen around here!

The semester at RRCC has ended, and most schools are winding down their busy May schedules too!

So what happens next? Well, I don't know about you, but I am planning some summer reading (working on *Game of Thrones* series), some gardening (making new planters out of old freight pallets), running (training for a another half marathon to run in September), and spend time with my kids and my parents.

I hope you find time for some well deserved R&R too this summer!

Janiece & Kathleen



Congratulations 2013 Graduates!



To all of our 2013 RRCC graduates, the ECE department wishes

you all the best in your future endeavors! It seems fitting to add these wise words from one of my favorite ECE heroes, the estimable Fred Rogers.

"We don't always succeed in what we try—certainly not by the world's standards—but I

think you'll find it's the willingness to keep trying that matters most."

I hope you find much success and even more willingness to try new things professionally inside and outside of your classrooms and personally.

MEC-C Conference



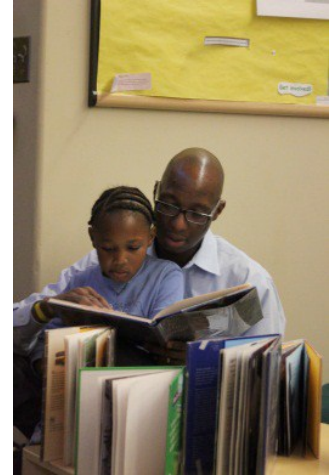
Soren Gall and the MEC-C gang are preparing for their first ever Summer Conference on Saturday, June 1, 2013 8:00 am—12:00 pm at the Clayton Early Learning Training Center, 3975 Martin Luther King Blvd., Denver, 80205.

Keynote speaker will be Doug Gertner from *The Grateful Dad* Radio show and EMU Consulting.

Registration will take place on the day of the event with a suggested \$5.00 donation for

registration. Continental Breakfast is included with your paid registration.

For more information contact Men in Early Childhood—Colorado at meccolorado@gmail.com



Meet our newest adjuncts...

Kathleen and I are tickled pink to be introducing our two newest adjunct faculty to the ECE department at Red Rocks!

Welcome aboard Andrew Goff and Jasmine Martin! Andrew comes to us after moving to Colorado last summer from Arizona to teach ECE with Denver Public Schools. Andrew has expertise in Child

Development and Special Education, while learning and improving his Spanish! Andrew will be teaching ECE260 The Exceptional Child course for us this summer.

Jasmine is a an Early Head Start Coach/Mentor with Clayton Early Learning and is nearly finished with her certificate from The Erikson Institute. Jasmine will be teaching a sum-

mer co-hort with Jeffco Pre-school program in ECE I I Infant/Toddler Theory & Development. In addition, Jasmine is getting married in June, Congratulations, Jasmine!

Please join us in welcoming this two wonderful additions to our ECE faculty here at Red Rocks Community College!

Scholarships? Yes!! Apply Now!

I often get asked about scholarships for taking coursework in ECE.

What are the options available to students? Two of the best scholarship opportunities out there are the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship available through the [Qualistar organization](http://www.qualistar.org) and the [RRCC Foundation Scholarship](http://www.rrcc.edu/foundation)

These scholarship programs partner with certificate and degree seeking students and provide a meaningful way to pay for courses, textbooks, and travel expenses.

Another good option is to apply for the FAFSA with the financial aid department at RRCC. For students attending

2 classes or more, there is often Pell Grant and/or Colorado State Grant money available to pay for college classes. But you need to apply NOW! The deadline for the RRCC Foundation Scholarship is MAY 31 for the next academic year! Good Luck and Study Hard!!