

Red Rocks Community College Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012



Welcome Letter

We have concluded an incredible year marked with growth and vision thanks to the fantastic leadership team we have at the Foundation and the College. You will read in the following pages about new events and initiatives such as Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders and ArtSmart that were made possible by generous and far thinking donors. Also in the pages to follow, you can check in with innovative projects underway such as the Red Rocks Institute for Sustainability in Education, which was also made possible through the generous support of the community. In total, more than \$500,000 was provided to the College in support of projects, scholarships and teaching chair awards this past year. While we know that the work of the College and the support of the Foundation make a tremendous difference in the lives of our students, we have recently been able to quantify that impact for individuals and for the broader community.

The Colorado Community College System commissioned an economic impact study to better understand how the individual colleges and the system as a whole contribute to the economic vitality of the State*. The report determined that Red Rocks Community College's total



economic impact on its service area was an impressive \$187.4 million annually, which translates into a net income added figure of \$24.8 million generated by RRCC operations each year. But what was even more interesting was being able to quantify the impact for the individual student and tracking that through to community impact. For every dollar a student invests in their education at RRCC, they will receive \$2.70 in higher future income over the course of their career. If a student obtains their associates degree they will earn an average of \$13,500 more a year than someone with a high school diploma. They will be less likely to access public services such as welfare, they will be less likely to engage in health risk behaviors such as smoking and alcohol use, and less likely to commit crimes, which together results in a cost savings to the community equal to \$2.4 million annually. Overall, if students earn more, they will have more money to spend in the community and be more likely to be civically engaged. Over the past 30 years, total accumulated credits achieved by former RRCC students translate to



\$160.6 million in added regional income each year due to higher earnings and increased output of businesses. As a result, taxpayers see a rate of return of 7.3% on their investment in RRCC. Given the volatility of the markets these days, RRCC presents as a pretty sound investment!

It was interesting to see these numbers in support of what we already know; education changes lives for the better and community colleges in partnership with donors such as you, makes college a reality for everyone. We thank you for another fantastic year of support and look forward to working for the benefit of our community, together, in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Tim Campbell, President
Red Rocks Community College
Foundation

C. Michele Haney, President
Red Rocks Community College

* The CCCS Economic Impact Study was done by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc. (EMSI). EMSI is a professional service firm that provides economic consulting to colleges. Since 2000, EMSI has produced over 1,100 economic impact studies – many for community colleges in the U.S.

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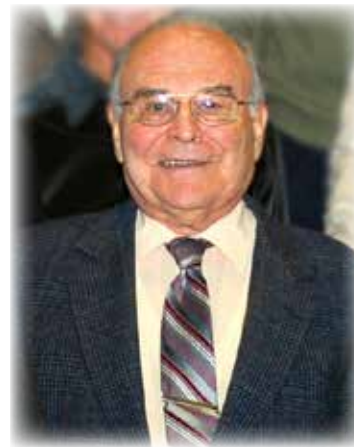
In Memoriam

Aldo Notarianni joined the Red Rocks Community College Foundation Board of Directors in 1998 and served until his death in 2011. During his tenure, he was a committed member of the Board providing thoughtful guidance that helped the foundation carry-out many initiatives benefitting the students and community, including the establishment of the RRCC Arvada campus in 1999.

Aldo began his formal relationship with Red Rocks Community College in 1997, when he and his wife Peggie endowed a scholarship in memory of their daughter, Elissa Notarianni-Ditto, PhD. Dr. Notarianni-Ditto was a beloved

biology instructor at Red Rocks Community College until she lost her battle with cancer in 1997. The Elissa Notarianni-Ditto Endowed Scholarship was established to provide an on-going source of scholarship funding to benefit academically driven students attending Red Rocks Community College. Their generosity has helped dozens of students achieve their educational goals.

Aldo Notarianni was a Denver native and a well-known and respected attorney specializing in real estate, title insurance and probate matters for over 50 years. He was a graduate of Regis University and received



his M.A. degree from Catholic University of America and his J.D. from the University of Denver. He was a past member of the Board of Directors, Colorado Bar Association; past secretary of the Board of Directors, St. Joseph's Hospital; and past president, Regis College Alumni Association.

RISE *(Red Rocks Institute for Sustainability in Education)*

Now in its third year, the Red Rocks Institute for Sustainability in Education (RISE) continues to drive education innovation to create learners with excellent skills in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) complimented by strong habits and mindsets for sustainability. Recognizing that the current generation of students will enter an economy filled with challenges related to energy, natural resources and issues of equity, RISE aims to create problem-solvers for sustainability through educational experiences that link passion to purpose.

Over the last two years, 16 faculty members from the three educational institutions Red Rocks Community College (RRCC), Jefferson County Public Schools (Jeffco), and Colorado School of Mines (CSM), have participated in the RISE Faculty Fellowship Program where new curriculum has been developed and piloted around project-based learning and 21st century skills. The following examples provide brief snapshots of some of the projects and the issues they address:

iSTEM and Sustainability at Bell Middle School

Andrea Schulz and Susan Arnston, Jeffco

iSTEM (innovation, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at Bell Middle School is a pilot program to equip students with the knowledge, skills and experiences that lead to creative problem solving for sustainable solutions through cross-curricular integration using Problem-Based Learning Models (PBLs). Mini-grant funding supported iSTEM teachers in staff and resource development through summer 2012 and into the 2012-2013 academic school year.

Sustainability across General Education at RRCC

Laura Zeeman, RRCC

This project proposes to create a Sustainability minor emphasis at RRCC, add more courses with a sustainability focus, and to meet with fellow faculty to continue the focus on environmental issues and sustainability, begun with the RRCC NSF GreenApp Project (2009-2012).

RISE

Projects continued

Teaching Renewable Energy in K-12 Workshops

Liz Hudd, Jeffco

Insuring ongoing professional development is available for K-12 educators to engage in sustainability education, Ms. Hudd developed a workshop series to create a Certificate in Sustainability for K-12 educators. The proposed certificate will connect the three principle areas of RISE: sustainability education, faculty development, and community involvement and outreach. The workshops planned learning outcomes, curriculum, format and partnerships of the Certificate. The workshops were supported by funds from the National Science Foundation that Red Rocks Community College was granted to “green” curriculum and train K-12 teachers.

Creating a Center for Sustainability and STEM Education

Matt Brown and Nate Olsen, Jeffco

With the goal of changing the face of the K-12 classroom, teachers Matt Brown and Nate Olsen will be developing joint curriculum for Sustainable Energy and Design and STEM Academy to be delivered through district-wide educational outreach on two energy education vehicles. The project will incorporate planning for the further development of a Center for Sustainability and Energy Education by bringing together potential partners from agriculture, business and community organizations to gather input and share their vision for a 21st century “classroom.”
<http://jeffcosustainabilityandstemcenter.org>

2,350

students helped
since 1993

RISE activities for the coming year include a new pilot course at Red Rocks that introduces pre-engineering students to design and sustainability through a hands-on project in the Red Rocks greenhouse. Additionally, RISE in partnership with CSM, is developing “learning by doing” projects to connect K-16 students to career explorations, real-world applications of STEM skills, field-based mentorships and internships.

The work of RISE spans the K-16 educational spectrum by developing new collaborations among teachers and students.

RISE is proud to have been recognized as a 2012 Outstanding Program by the Colorado Community College System. For a full list of RISE projects, please see the website at www.rrcc.edu/rise.

RISE is generously funded through the Community First Foundation, made possible through the Leach Family Donor Advised Fund. For more information, please contact Liz Cox, Director, at liz.cox@rrcc.edu or 303-914-6230.

RRCC/Jeffco/CSM Teacher Exchange Program

Tracy Gardner, CSM and Dan Snare, Jeffco

To work toward a seamless educational pipeline where students can move through the levels of education fully prepared to build on prior learning, Colorado School of Mines professor and Jeffco Public Schools teacher created the Teacher Exchange Program. Through this program faculty can 1) observe colleagues in their instructional roles, such as teaching course material, managing laboratory activities, interacting with students, assessing student work, etc., and 2) discuss and exchange ideas and instructional strategies after observing. Select faculty from CSM, RRCC, and Jeffco were invited to participate.

INNOVATION



The ArtSmart Planning Group was created as a collaborative effort by RRCC students, faculty, and staff to discover the presence of the arts in everything and why it is important. The program was initiated after Terry Stevinson presented Red Rocks Community College with a generous \$10,000 donation made to the Red Rocks Community College Foundation and a challenge to discover the prevalence of the arts in every department and division of the College.

“The arts are essential to any thriving society. You can tell how successful a community is by how it supports the arts, the businesses and the most needy within it,” said Stevinson.

The first to accept the challenge was RRCC President, Michele Haney, who matched Stevinson’s contribution, creating a \$20,000 fund for the project.

Over the course of the school year, the ArtSmart Planning Group continued to meet this challenge through a variety of interdisciplinary projects, activities, media, and publication of information aimed at exposing the arts found in the College and surrounding community. This year’s activities included several “Art Attacks,” a gallery showing of Fiber Arts, and an ArtSmart Art Festival.

“Due to the dynamic presence that has emerged, I am pleased to say that ArtSmart will go on, and will continue to explore the vital relationship between the arts and everything else,” said Pamela Mencher, Theatre & Performing Arts faculty and ArtSmart Project Director.



Over **\$3.1** million
in support to college
programs since 1993

CREATIVITY

INSPIRING

TOMORROW'S LEADERS

On April 13, 2012 Red Rocks Community College Foundation and Red Rocks Community College offered students an opportunity to learn and network with female professionals in business, government and non-profit at its first Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders luncheon. The event included a panel discussion with four successful professional women followed by roundtable lunch discussions with 36 female leaders in various professional fields. The event began with inspiring personal stories from panelists Emily Huang, Co-founder and VP of Business Technology of Rivet Software; Kathy Callender, Founder of Pharmajet; Heather Potters, Chairman of Pharmajet; and Dr. Cindy Stevenson, Superintendent of Jeffco Public Schools. These professional leaders also gave examples of challenges and opportunities they encountered as women on a career path and shared insights on choosing a career. During the roundtable lunch discussions attendees had the opportunity to network with experienced women representing industries such as marketing, banking, government and business management.

We had the opportunity to talk with one student who attended the event at the urging of RRCC staff, only to discover a group of like-minded women from whom she could draw "reassurance and inspiration."

Amanda Miller, age 28, is attending RRCC to earn her associates degree with the goal of going

on to receive her PhD in psychology. She sat at a Roundtable with panel speakers Kathy Callendar and Heather Potters, a mother – daughter team who run Pharmajet, an international health equipment company who has pioneered needless injections. "It was so cool to see how she [Kathy Callendar] went through the process of inventing a product by going to an engineer and getting a patent and working with the health organization on her own; someone who had worked as a secretary and hairstylist. I would absolutely recommend attending it [the event]. It's scary going to college, so it was great to get out there and network with these women who do it step by step and didn't doubt themselves. It can be hard to be a woman with pretty big aspirations."

Amanda was one of nearly 100 students, mostly female, who turned out for the event. The feedback was tremendous and we plan to do it again next year!

*I really enjoyed
this event! I was
very inspired and
I loved meeting
everyone at
my table.*



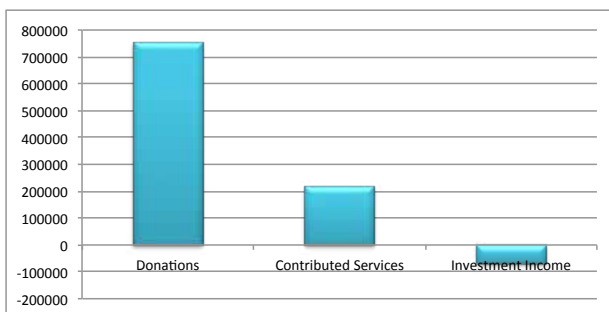
Group shot of professional women who participated in the Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders event.

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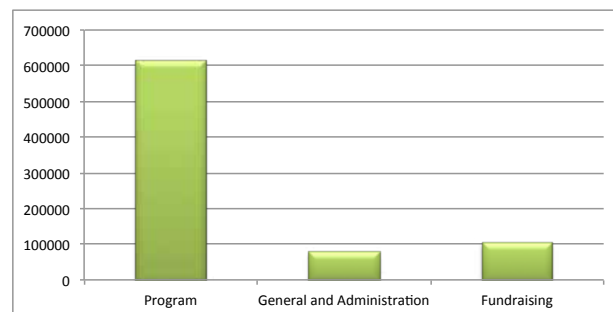
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Assets	2012	2011
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 468,681	\$ 254,588
Accounts receivable, related party	6,638	7,150
Pledges receivable	1,000	129,700
Loans receivable, students	–	50
Prepaid expenses	1,970	2,103
Investments	3,881,808	3,964,965
Art and donor recognition walls	17,758	17,758
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts	485,680	462,150
Total Assets	\$4,863,535	\$ 4,838,464
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 17,665	\$ 105,132
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	718,281	809,075
Temporarily restricted	1,474,324	1,295,888
Permanently restricted	2,653,265	2,628,369
Total Net Assets	4,845,870	4,733,332
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$4,863,535	\$ 4,838,464



2011-2012 Revenue

Donations	752,071	83%
Contributed Services	215,610	24%
Investment Income	-65,353	-7%
	902,328	



2011-2012 Expenditure

Fundraising	103,079	13%
General and Administration	76,132	10%
Program	610,579	77%
	789,790	

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