



RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 2015 – 2016

ANNUAL REPORT

For the fiscal year ending June 2016





SPECIAL RECOGNITION



The RRCC Foundation Board of Directors recognized Harry and Cris Mathews, for their commitment to changing lives through education. As champions of education, Harry and Cris have funded over 700 scholarships since 1996.

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



LtGen(Ret) Michael A. Hamel

LtGen(Ret) Hamel is Vice President, Strategic Solutions, with Lockheed Martin Space Systems Company. He is responsible for leading commercial communications and remote sensing programs for U.S. and international customers and developing innovative and strategic commercial business solutions and initiatives across multiple market areas.

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A Letter From The Presidents

Through your donations, volunteerism and advocacy, we continue to provide hope for a brighter future and the opportunity to achieve it through education. The success of our students is the greatest testament to the significance of your giving and this past year left us with many successes to celebrate.

Together, we supported over 200 students with more than \$400,000 in scholarships. Many students have told us that without their scholarship, college wasn't going to be an option. The cost of attending college continues to be the number one barrier to a college education and we are so proud that we were able to alleviate this burden for hundreds of students this past year. In addition to relieving the financial stress of going to college, the Foundation provides a community of support that connects students to academic and social resources that help them reach their educational goal. As a result, our scholarship recipients, or Foundation Scholars as we call them, continue to graduate at a higher rate than their peers overall.

Red Rocks Community College is developing a campus culture where student engagement is inescapable. We know from research and experience that when students get involved on campus they are more likely to be successful in completing their educational goal. The Foundation worked with faculty and staff this past year to secure funding for initiatives that support this vision. As a result, we will begin to see new opportunities for students during the 2016-2017 academic year such as the development of an experiential learning hub. The Hub will connect students to resources on and off campus to create meaningful opportunities for students to apply their classroom learning to real world challenges. Programs in the Hub include a service-learning center, IdeaLab and entrepreneurship center among others.

In the pages that follow you will see further evidence of student success and academic excellence made possible with your support. We thank you for your partnership and hope you will enjoy reading through the year in review.

Sincerely,



Denise Waddell, President
Red Rocks Community College Foundation



C. Michele Haney, President
Red Rocks Community College

HOPE, OPPORTUNITY, GRADUATION



RRCC ALUMNA AND FORMER RRCC FOUNDATION SCHOLAR RITA ERICKSON GRADUATED WITH HONORS IN MAY 2015. RITA TRANSFERRED TO REGIS UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE WILL COMPLETE HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE.

EXCELLENCE

at Red Rocks Community College



RRCC received official approval from the Institutional Actions Council of the Higher Learning Commission to offer the Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Water Quality Management.



The Arvada Economic Development Association (AEDA) presented Red Rocks Community College with the "Community Partner Award" at a breakfast ceremony at the Arvada Center of Performing Arts.



RRCC's PTK received a Distinguished Honors in Action award. This award was for the chapter's research and exhibit on the refugee crisis in the United States and Colorado's attitudes towards refugees.

FOUNDATION STAFF

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BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS



SCHOLARSHIP ORIENTATION IN AUGUST 2015. FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PARTICIPATED IN A STRUCTURED NETWORKING ACTIVITY MEANT TO LAY A FOUNDATION FOR A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS.

Last year more than 200 students earned more than \$400,000 in scholarships. Emphasis is placed on earned over received because it takes guts for applicants to put their hats in the ring. Each application is carefully read and scored in accordance with the RRCC Foundation's philosophies: it is important that they treat each application as if it were a whole person. It's our version of the golden rule.

The RRCC Foundation values each applicant, but to those who earn a scholarship the Foundation takes into account that Community is in our name. With that in mind we set out to build and care for a community of scholars—individuals from all fields and walks of life at Red Rocks Community College. This community of scholars begins for each cohort at the Scholarship Orientations in August where yes, we talk about our high expectations, but we also introduce them to some of the most important people to their success: each other.

Developing a network is so important to their success. Seeing a friendly face every day in the halls can change the day from stormy to calm. Knowing there are helping hands on campus can make all the difference in times of crisis. Year after year Foundation Scholars never cease to impress us as they help and encourage one another toward the finish line. We hear stories about their networks all the time. They help each other at school and in their personal lives by doing things like sharing childcare duties, carpooling, and last year there was even a secret midnight math study group.

Throughout the year we continue to build community by connecting scholars to each other as interests and needs overlap. In this way we build a community that is self-reinforcing. We think it is the community of scholars that promotes a higher rate of completion among Foundation Scholars compared to the general population on campus. Additionally, they have higher grades, and they are involved in campus opportunities. Of course, we are able to do all this thanks to a community of caring donors who support the RRCC Foundation. Together we make a difference.

NERDY TALK ON CAMPUS: IDEALAB, STEM-X, & STEM SCHOLARS



STEM-X STUDENTS DEMONSTRATING THEIR HANDY WORK: THE DRONE PICTURED WILL GO TO GUATAMALA WHERE IT WILL PERFORM GEOLOGIC SURVEYS TO HELP WARN OF LANDSLIDES. THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY THIS DRONE WILL SAVE HUMAN LIVES.

Engaged students are more successful in the classroom, take on leadership roles in the college, are more likely to persist, and transfer into STEM degrees at four-year institutions. Red Rocks is taking this to all new heights for pre-engineering and science majors.

The long-term goal is to increase the STEM workforce with highly skilled and diverse individuals. Thanks to the vision of Liz Cox, Director of IDEA and IDEA Lab, students can create the right experience to accomplish their own goals, while learning what industry trends and needs will help them get jobs. The concept has three main parts: IDEALAB, STEM-X and STEM Scholars.

First, there's the IDEALAB, where students of any major collaborate on real-world problems. For example, on any given day you might have students from pre-engineering, computer science, geology, and physics working directly with students from economics, business, and social work. The problems they solve range from helping communities in Africa get clean water to helping detect natural disasters that would take human life.

Next, you have STEM-X. The STEM-X program engages STEM students with career exploration, projects, related internships, undergraduate research and courses at RRCC. During the fall and

spring semesters STEM students may access STEM-X Workshops, where they will develop employability skills, ranging from teamwork and collaboration to practical skills in soldering, programming and 3D printing. The STEM-X Workshops will also help participants connect to campus and industry mentors. Finally, STEM-X students share their knowledge and skills through the STEM-X Symposium.

STEM Scholars is the third component. As STEM Scholars, Red Rocks students are eligible to apply for a paid research experience at an engineering laboratory on either the Colorado School of Mines or CU-Boulder campus, or with RRCC faculty at field sites.

TEACHING EXCELLENCE

at Red Rocks Community College

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 and Coors Brewing Company endowed the first two chairs in 2001.

Endowed Teaching Chairs, Past and Present:

YEAR	AWARDEE	AWARD DONOR
2016-2018	Stina French	Leprino Family Foundation
2015-2017	Merri Mattison	The Student Voice Endowed
2014-2016	Berndt Savig	Swede Johnson/Coors
2013-2015	Wendy Bird	Leprino Family Foundation
2012-2014	Heather Duncan	The Student Voice Endowed
2011-2013	Fawn Oates	Swede Johnson/Coors
2010-2012	Paul Gallagher	Leprino Family Foundation
2009-2011	Sherry Dewald	Foundation Board of Directors
2008-2010	Steve Kaye	Swede Johnson/Coors
	Stephanie Berg-Oram	The Student Voice
2007-2009	Marjorie Berman	The Student Voice
	Amy Braziller	Leprino Family Foundation
2006-2008	Chuck Smith	Friends of Red Rocks
	Liz Kleinfeld	RHCC Foundation
2005-2007	Terry Reeves	Dr. Eric Reno
	Cindy Somers	Swede Johnson/Coors
2004-2006	Kerry Edwards	RRCCF Endowed Chair
	Rick Reeves	Student Voice
2003-2005	Pamela Mencher	RRCC Bookstore
	Joey Spillyards	RRCC Foundation
2002-2004	Candace Garrod	Swede Johnson/Coors
	Jack Stanesco	Leprino Family Foundation

TEACHING CHAIR CREATES STUDY ABROAD



PROFESSOR MERRI MATTISON DURING HER TRIP TO RWANDA AND UGANDA.

“I don’t know if I will ever truly be able to thank Merri for the impact she has had on me, but I hope that the way I choose to live my life each day somehow begins the repayment,” Tim Gatza, now a successful attorney, who first met Dr. Merri Mattison as a community college student in Illinois. Gatza’s remarks are true for all of Professor Mattison’s students. Past to present, Merri Mattison has spent her career cultivating that “spark” in every student willing to enter her sociology and anthropology classes.

Dr. Mattison’s approach to teaching and learning is first and foremost built on respect. She works to find ways to connect individually with each of her students. “On the first day of class I tell my students that I want to be one of the reasons why they succeed,” says Dr. Mattison. “It is crucial that they know that I am available for them, and willing to take the extra time needed to help them succeed.” She strives to create an open and safe learning environment where questions are

welcomed, and respectful discourse encouraged.

Merri Mattison has always pushed for excellence and opportunity. An ardent supporter of experiential education, she has already put her Leprino Family Endowed Teaching Chair award to good use. Because of her award Dr. Mattison traveled to Africa in May and June 2016. Mind you, this was no vacation: Dr. Mattison traveled to Uganda and Rwanda, two of Africa’s most impoverished nations, to scout study abroad opportunities for Red Rocks students. Dr. Mattison says, “In this era of globalization we need to prepare the next generation to become global citizens. The study abroad to Africa will help students understand how to begin that process.”

Dr. Mattison will be leading the first study abroad to Uganda and Rwanda in spring 2017.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

ASSETS	2016	2015
Cash and cash equivalents	\$924,327	\$584,300
Accounts receivable, related party	161	3,054
Accrued interest receivable	6,790	-
Prepaid expenses	2,129	2,183
Investments	4,412,668	4,222,798
Art and donor recognition walls	17,758	17,758
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts	491,250	498,960
Beneficial interest in life insurance, cash value	22,169	20,833
Total Assets	\$5,877,252	\$5,349,886

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

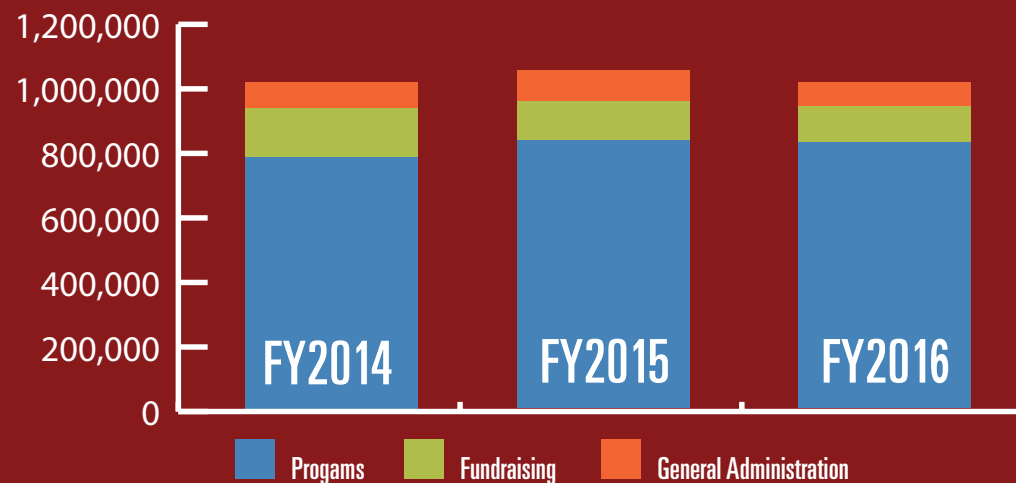
LIABILITIES

	2016	2015
Capital campaign payable	\$440	\$3,251
Pledge payable	35,000	250,000
Accounts Payable	17,139	-
Total Liabilities	\$52,579	\$253,251

NET ASSETS

	2016	2015
Unrestricted	839,107	574,846
Temporarily restricted	1,761,396	1,404,426
Permanently restricted	3,224,170	3,117,363
Total net assets	\$5,824,673	\$5,096,635
Total liabilities and net assets	\$5,877,252	\$5,349,886

FOUNDATION EXPENSES



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Steve Brown
Lori Burns
Joan R. Campbell
Bill Cherrington
Traci Chocol
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MORE THAN \$306k
in program support was contributed to RRCC during the year!



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Early Ford V-8 Club

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In Memory of Melanie Young, Designated to the RRCC Foundation Scholarship Fund

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**THE ONLY WAY
TO HAVE A
FRIEND IS TO
BE ONE.**

-R. W. EMERSON



Legacy Society

The following individuals have informed us that they are including the Red Rocks Community College Foundation in their estate plans. Their tremendous generosity and vision will result in up to \$2 million once these gifts are realized.

We are so thankful for their support.

Ron & Sonia Daniels
Dr. Lisa Fowler
Dr. Michele Haney
Charles & Luanne Hazelrigg
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