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The Donor Newsletter of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation

RRCC Health Sciences Campus in Arvada

RRCC Arvada Campus Becoming Workforce Training Center for Health Care Careers

Red Rocks Community College Arvada Campus will soon become the RRCC Health Sciences Campus. The project is the largest building campaign in the history of Red Rocks Community College and will have a lasting economic impact on the community for generations to come.

The Arvada Health Sciences Campus will expand access to high demand degree and certificate programs while adding much needed programs and transfer opportunities. This effort will transform RRCC Arvada into a full-service campus that will accelerate the number of graduates in health occupations such as Physician Assistant, Medical Assistant, Nurse Aide, and Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

“Red Rocks produces highly qualified health care professionals who meet the growing needs of the Denver Metro Area, and the Health Sciences Campus is a tremendous boost to that good work,” says Dr. Michele Haney, President, Red Rocks Community College.

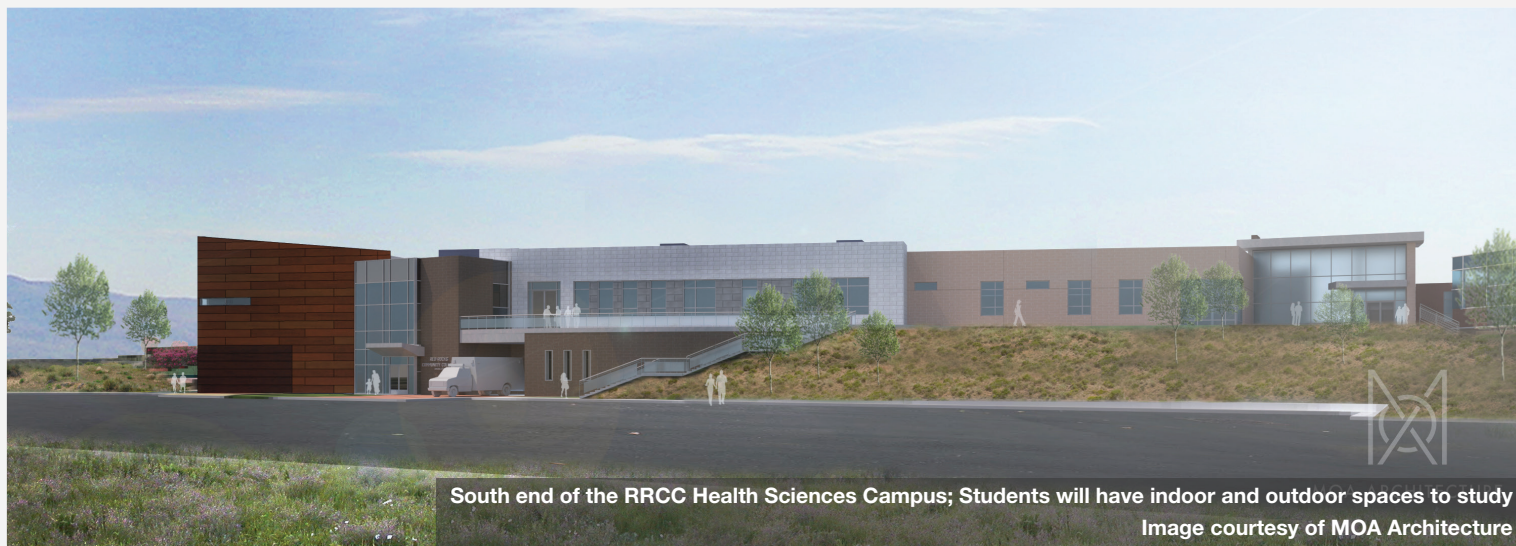
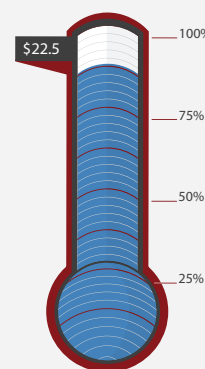
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Funding the Health Sciences Campus

Funding Goal: \$22.5 million

\$10mm	State of Colorado
\$7.5mm	RRCC Reserves
\$1mm	Community First Foundation
\$1mm	City of Arvada
\$250,000	RRCC Foundation Board
\$100,000	Boettcher Foundation



South end of the RRCC Health Sciences Campus; Students will have indoor and outdoor spaces to study
Image courtesy of MOA Architecture

From the ED's Desk

Red Rocks is Doing Amazing Things!

This has been a tremendous year for our Foundation. This past fall we became the first community college foundation in the nation to be named the National Scholarship Provider of the Year by the National Scholarship Provider Association. This prestigious award recognizes scholarship providers who demonstrate exceptional leadership, efficiency and impact in their support of higher education. We could not be more proud of this accomplishment because we believe it recognizes the excellent stewardship of the donations you so generously make to our Foundation. I hope this news gives you great pride. Thank you so much for your support!



Building off of this success, in January we received the single largest gift in the history of our Foundation. I would like to give special recognition to Community First Foundation for their commitment of \$1 million dollars towards the RRCC Arvada Campus Expansion Campaign. I am very happy to inform you



that by the end of this fiscal year we will have raised nearly 90% of the overall \$22.5 Million needed to complete this Capital Campaign. We are so thankful for the amazing support we are seeing from all of you. Together we are building a brighter future

for our students, their families and the community.

We look with great excitement towards the coming year as we continue to strive to fulfill our mission to support the College in its commitment to students, learning, and excellence. Thank you again for your continued support and I look forward to working with all of you as our Foundation helps Red Rocks Community College continue to serve our community with distinction.



All the Best!

Ron Slinger

Above Right, from left to right: RRCC Foundation Executive Director Ron Slinger, NSPA Operations & Communications Coordinator Sarah Hughes, RRCC Foundation Board of Directors President Jim Dascalos, RRCC President Dr. Michele Haney

Above Left, from left to right: Arvada Mayor Marc Williams, RRCC President Dr. Michele Haney, Community First Foundation President & CEO Marla Williams CCCS President Dr. Nancy McCallin, Community First Foundation Board Chair Peggy Jennings, RRCC Foundation Executive Director Ron Slinger

Fox Tales



News From Around Campus

ΦΘΚ Honored at Regionals

Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Kappa Sigma, recently attended the Colorado Regional Convention where our chapter was recognized as the Most Distinguished Chapter in the region, for the second year in a row. Alpha Kappa Sigma also earned several awards for their work this year:

- Distinguished Chapter Project
- Distinguished Chapter Officer, Natasha Albrecht (Johnson Financial Aid Program)
- Five-Star Chapter Recognition
- 1st Place, Regional Week of Service
- 1st Place, Honors in Action Theme-Ideas and Ideologies as Frontiers
- 2nd Place, Honors in Action Project

Student Government

Members of RRCC's Student Government successfully teamed up with campus departments this year with a focus on recruitment. Activities included using slingshots to send t-shirts to crowds at football games, providing pizza for busy weekend college students, and advising numerous initiatives across campus committees as the student voice.

RRCC Receives Genesis Award

On March 19, Jefferson County Economic Development Corporation honored Red Rocks with the Genesis Award, which honors a company that has contributed to the economic vitality of Jefferson County through creative leadership, innovation, facilitation, and collaboration in the community.



Find the latest Red Rocks happenings online at rrcc.edu/news.

Red Rocks Wins Student Retention Award

Best of All 13 CCCS Schools

Red Rocks Community College was awarded special recognition by the Colorado Community College System for its efforts to retain students. Between the 2013-2014 to 2014-2015 school years Red Rocks increased its student retention rate by 9%, more than any other community college in the state. A lot of effort from across the College's talented staff and faculty contributed to this achievement. Some highlights include a Retention Task Force that implemented or innovated best practices such as advising checkpoints, continuing to work toward student-centered scheduling, website revitalization, kick off-week inclusion activities, using late start classes as recruiting opportunity, and implementing a First Year Experience course. Red Rocks won similar recognition in 2014 for the highest increase in student completion. Red Rocks is the only community college to be recognized twice.



Red Rocks has won awards for both student retention and completion.

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Image Courtesy of MOA Architecture

The new building coming to the RRCC Health Sciences Campus will provide state of the art instructional spaces. The innovative teaching and learning space will teach health care professionals to work together as inter-professional teams. To complement the expanded enrollment the Health Sciences Campus will give students full access to Red Rocks' student success services.

The RRCC Health Sciences Campus will also train Patient Navigators, which is an essential career for meeting the growing needs of our community. Transfer pathways are in development for those seeking careers in Nursing, Public Health and Social Work. Once the Health Sciences Campus is completed students will be able to take all of their Associate's degree coursework and continuing education at one campus.

2015-2017 Endowed Teaching Chair Awarded

Red Rocks Community College Foundation is proud to award the 2015-2017 Student Voice Endowed Teaching Chair to Sociology faculty member, Merri Mattison, PhD.

"Merri is such a phenomenal faculty member," said Dr. Michele Haney, President of Red Rocks Community College, "we are so lucky that she is part of the Red Rocks family."



Dr. Merri Mattison

Dr. Mattison sees teaching as more than just someone standing at the front of a room. Merri's approach to teaching and learning is first and foremost built on respect. She works to find ways to connect individually with

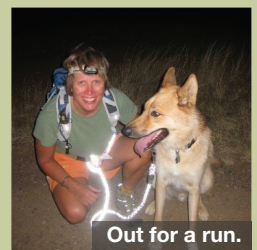
each of her students. "On the first day of class I tell my students that I want to be one of the reasons

why they succeed, not one of the reasons why they fail," 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."

As the 2015-2017 Endowed Teaching Chair, Dr. Mattison will receive a three-year salary enhancement of \$5,000 per year and \$2,500 per year for professional development.

Stina French of the English Department and Amy Buckingham of the Psychology Department are also being honored as finalists. They will each receive \$2,500 in professional development funding to encourage their hard work and dedication to teaching RRCC Students.

For the full list of Endowed Teaching Chair awardees visit rrcc.edu/foundation/foundation-programs.



Out for a run.

Scholarships Recognized

NSPA Scholarship Provider of the Year!

The RRCC Foundation has been recognized as the 2014 Scholarship Provider of the Year in the College and University category by the National Scholarship Providers Association.

This prestigious award recognizes scholarship providers who demonstrate exceptional leadership, efficiency and impact in their support of higher education. Organizations must be current members of NSPA and in good standing to be considered for the award.



To establish your own scholarship with our award-winning team, contact Ron Slinger at ron.slinger@rrcc.edu.

Harvey Scholars @ RRCC



Creating Pathways for Engineering

The Harvey Family Foundation has granted \$82,500 to the RRCC Foundation for scholarships to assist Red Rocks students on their pathway to being our country's next great engineers. Prospective Harvey Scholars at Red Rocks are full-time students committed to completing their engineering degree at the prestigious Colorado School of Mines.

Learn more about engineering pathways at RRCC by visiting rrcc.edu/stem.

Way To Go Class of 2015!

Words From Foundation Scholars on Attaining Their Degrees

"The scholarship meant that my accomplishments were being recognized and someone else appreciated my quest for higher education. It feels great to know I am almost finished with school and ready to apply all my hard work."

-Krystle T., Martin Family Foundation Scholar

"I am and forever will be thankful for the motivation, inspiration, and help given to help me to graduate this semester. I am super excited to be taking my life in the direction I want. Thank you Foundation and thanks to all the donors!"

-Kaitlyn N., Mathews Scholar

"Getting a scholarship helps me feel like someone believes in my dreams about going to college and strengthened my resolve to reach my goals. I am really excited to take the next step in my education."

-Sarah F., Shimizu Scholar

"I am excited to begin this new journey, but I will miss the teachers and all of the warm, welcoming staff of RRCC profoundly. I am so grateful for all of the opportunities that this experience has provided."

-Sandra E., Barber Family Scholar



VOLUNTEERS! SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES

Volunteers needed to help with scholarship application scoring. Volunteering is a great way to learn how your donation makes a difference in the lives of your community.

Save the Date!

Date: June 12, 2015

Time: 12:30pm-4:30pm

Training Provided!

Sign-up Today!

Contact us at 303.914.6308, or email scholarships@rrcc.edu.

