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(bed-rock, n. 1. solid rock beneath the soil; 2. a secure foundation; 3. basic principles or facts.)

The Donor Newsletter of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation

From the ED's Desk 21 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

For 21 years the Red Rocks Community College Foundation has met its mission of supporting the College thanks to our wonderful community of donors. Thank you so much for your support. We truly appreciate it and work hard every day to be good stewards of these funds.

It has been another terrific year here at the Foundation. Along with all of the great news you will read about in this newsletter, we have also successfully completed several Challenge Campaigns thanks to the Anschutz Foundation, Kaiser Permanente and the State of Colorado Race to the Top funding all of which was provided to us through the Colorado Community College System Foundation under the terrific direction of Shelley Thompson. I am proud to say that you helped us meet each of these Challenges in record time. Because of your support, we will be able to grant over one hundred thousand additional dollars in scholarships for the 2014-2015 Academic Year! Thank you so much!

We look with great excitement towards the coming year. We will once again have several new Challenge Funds to complete along with the beginning of a Capital Campaign to triple the size of our Arvada Campus! 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

Jack Kent Cooke Awards Two Prestigious Scholarship Awarded to RRCC Students

Julianna Bourgeois and Stacy McElvaney from Red Rocks Community College will receive the prestigious and highly competitive Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Julianna and Stacy will each receive \$30,000 per year for up to three years to assist in the completion of their bachelor's degrees. This year RRCC students competed with 3,705 applications representing 737 community colleges across the U.S. They were among the 85 selected.



Julianna Bourgeois is earning a 4.0 GPA in her studies of calculus, chemistry, physics, and math while working and volunteering. In addition to pre-engineering studies, she is assisting the Red Rocks Institute of Sustainability in Education in creating a STEM center. She will transfer this fall to CU Boulder to pursue an Engineering Physics degree, with minors in mathematics and electrical engineering. Julianna plans to complete graduate and doctoral studies at CU and would like to work in experimental physics, conducting research in quantum computing, theoretical physics, or plasmatics.



Stacy McElvaney is an ambitious self-starter who earned a 4.0 GPA while juggling a business, raising a family, volunteering, and caring for her horses. This year she was chosen as one of two RRCC Outstanding Graduates. Stacy says she plans to use her education to help others. She completed an AA degree in Psychology and will transfer to the University of Denver this fall to pursue a bachelor's degree. Stacy's goal is to complete a master's degree and become an Equine Assisted Psychotherapist.

These great students are also 2013-14 RRCC Foundation Scholars. Julianna is a recipient of the Johnson Financial Aid Program and Stacy has a scholarship from Kingdom Enlightenment.

Report on the Rocks

ΦΘΚ FoxStar Challenge Project Receives Award

Alpha Kappa Sigma, the RRCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, offers students the opportunity to participate in planned volunteer projects.

The team's award-winning "Distinguished College Project" is the Fox Star Challenge. Beginning last fall, students were encouraged to volunteer—on campus or within the community—with a goal of 5,000 total volunteer hours by the end of spring semester. The chapter achieved their goal in May.

For students, it is a chance to be recognized while changing lives, making friends, and making a difference.

"I'm so proud of this team," said Carolyn Mattern, Advisor for RRCC's chapter.

Bonfils-Stanton Honors Dr. Dorothy Horrell with Fund

A \$50,000 endowment has been

created through a generous grant from Bonfils-Stanton to honor former RRCC President Dr. Dorothy Horrell. The Dr. Dorothy Horrell Presidential Scholarships will assist high-achieving high school graduates pursue their first degrees from RRCC.

I cannot express how much this scholarship relieves the financial burden of acquiring a health care degree.

- Collier Family Scholar

Physician Assistant Student Honored with Scholarship

Tyler Hagaman, a second year student in the Physician Assistant Program, died unexpectedly on December 30, 2014. Tyler was a dedicated student of the healing profession, a devoted and loving family man, and passionate about mountain biking, snowboarding, and conquering Colorado's 14,000 foot peaks. Tyler's family has honored

his memory by establishing the Tyler Hagaman Physician Assistant Scholarship Fund. Scholarships will support second year Physician Assistant Program students who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities.

Congratulations RRCC Grads!

Please join us in congratulating the 1,400 students graduating from Red Rocks Community College on May 17th.

New Program Comes to RRCC

Dr. Agneta Albinsson's Commitment to RRCC Aids Science and Healthcare Faculty Professional Development



RRCC Foundation Board member Dr. Agneta Albinsson and her husband, Mats Wahlstrom, have established the Dr. Agneta Albinsson Endowment Fund. This fund, which has rapidly grown from the initial investment to over \$150,000 thanks to generous donations from Dr. Albinsson's friends and family, provides opportunities for RRCC Faculty in the science and healthcare fields to pursue professional development.

In its inaugural year, the program attracted eight proposals. Four were approved for an award total of over \$6,900.

Winning proposals included a \$2,500 grant to Brandon English and Gayle Crane of the Chemistry department, \$1,315 to Eleanor Camann in Geology, \$1,500 to Robert Vroman from EMS, and \$1,627 to Dayna Bernstein of the Physician Assistant Program.

While some awards will take RRCC faculty to conferences, others will allow faculty to explore their field more in depth. Eleanor Camann will use her award to investigate Colorado geology, whereas the Chemistry Faculty will use theirs to attend a teaching conference.

The fund was established in 2013 to aid RRCC in its ability to attract and retain highly skilled teachers in the science and healthcare academic areas.



Did you know you could donate just by shopping?

Add RRCC Foundation to your account at smile.amazon.com.

Arvada Campus Expansion



Health Career Campus

The RRCC Arvada Campus is soon to become West Metro's premier training facility for Health Care Careers. This \$22.5 million dollar expansion is just the first phase of the Arvada Campus build out plan. We are excited to let you know that with \$10 million being allocated in the newly signed State Budget and an additional \$7.5 million being designated from College Reserves we are already 77% of the way there! With that being said, we definitely need your help to complete this campaign and make this expansion a reality! So be on the lookout this fall for more information about this incredibly exciting and necessary project

Mini-Grants Update

Project Grants Promote Innovation

The RRCC Foundation's Mini-Grant Program provides full-time faculty, part-time instructors, and staff the opportunity to develop projects that support RRCC's mission to: "provide students with opportunities for growth and development that set the foundation for self-directed learning, academic achievement, and career accomplishment." This year the Foundation was able to commit \$10,000 to a variety of projects.

Proposals from this year include a request to fund a peer counseling program where students can get work experience, a mentorship program for first generation students, a student-lead public health initiative, assistance to the RRCC police department, and numerous proposals to incorporate leading edge technology into the classroom.

This year 29 proposals requesting more than \$40,000 were submitted. Minigrant proposals are reviewed by the Deans Council of RRCC, who use the heartbeat of the college to make their decisions.



Learn how your donation can change lives at www.rrcc.edu/foundation.

LUNAFEST 2014

Empowering Women's Health and Wellness

On April 23rd at the Lakewood Cultural Center, Coloradoans came out for a night of movies, fundraising, and community support. This exciting night of empowering films benefitted Women's health at the RRCC Student Health Clinic as well as Girls on the Run of the Rockies, which provides innovative health and wellness programs to our community.

The RRCC Student Health Clinic was founded in September of 2012 to assist students address their healthcare needs and to promote a healthy campus community.



Half of all students at Red Rocks are women, and many students are low-income. "The funding from LUNAFEST will provide access to women's health care that students might not be able to afford," said Johnna Jaynes, Director of the RRCC Student Health Center, adding that "the money from this event will alleviate women's choices between testing that can cost up to \$150 and putting food on the table."

LUNAFEST was made possible thanks to St. Anthony's Hospital, the City of Lakewood, the Luna Foundation, and a community dedicated to empowering women.

2014-2016 Endowed Teaching Chair Awarded

Red Rocks Community College Foundation is proud to award the 2014-2016 Swede Johnson/Coors Endowed Teaching Chair to Art faculty member, Berndt Savig. As the 20th Endowed Teaching Chair, Mr. Savig joins an exclusive group of faculty recognized for their excellence in teaching and commitment to Colorado students. The 20 Endowed Teaching Chair faculty members are unique among their peers in the Colorado Community College System, as this premier program is the only one of its kind at a Colorado community college.

"Berndt has been a major force at RRCC, encouraging students and employees alike to expand their creativity. We are so fortunate that he chose to be a faculty member at Red Rocks," said Dr. Michele Haney, President of Red Rocks Community College.

Mr. Savig is a working artist in addition to his teaching. His professional experience leads to excellence in the classroom. He helps students formulate and realize their ideas, while providing them with tools that will assist them in continuing the critical thinking and creative process long after they have left the classroom. "It was an unexpected pleasure to receive

the endowed teaching chair award," said Berndt after receiving the award. He added that "this award will enable me to pursue the development of a more diverse sculpture program, in traditional methodology as well as integrating new technology into the studio setting."

As the 2014-2016 Endowed Teaching Chair, Berndt Savig will receive a three-year salary enhancement of \$5,000 per year and \$2,500 per year for professional development. This highly selective award was initiated in 2001 when the Mike Leprino Family Foundation and Coors Brewing Company endowed the first two Teaching Chairs. It has continued through commitments from the RRCC community and the RRCC Foundation's Board of Directors.



We would also like to recognize the other two finalists, Craig Faulhaber of the Math Department and Dr. Kelly Worden of the Biology Department. They will each receive \$2,500 in professional development funding to encourage their hard work and dedication to teaching RRCC students.

Way to Go Class of 2014!

Words from Foundation Scholars on attaining their degrees

"Getting my degree is something that's important to not only me, but my family and my community. It feels good."

-Brooks Christensen,
Johnson Financial Aid Program

"Getting my degree means that I will have a successful and happy life."

-Lena Ann Wellbrock, Career Stepping
Stone Program

"Getting my degree means freedom and opportunity."

-Krystal Tubbs,
Johnson Financial Aid Program

"Making my accomplishments isn't just something I talk about anymore; it's something I've experienced."

-Nick Koprowicz,
Martin Family Foundation

Scholarships Help Students

Students Persevere After Devastating Floods

We've all heard the story of the broke student struggling to make their way through college. The worst part about that story is how true it can be. The best thing about that story is that our donors take action to help RRCC students become more than they ever thought possible. When the floods devastated so many parts of our community we worried about our students. The scholarships awarded to students through your contributions to the Red Rocks Community College Foundation changed their lives in unintended ways this year.



Lori Potts is a student who is part of the RRCC Gateway Program. Last fall, Lori was caught in the recent floodwaters as a resident of Lyons. Her home was destroyed along with her community, but she is a real survivor. Lori shared her story with us of how she was able to lean on Red Rocks Community College resources, such as the Gateway Program and her Kingdom Enlightenment Scholarship. She relied on going to school every

day since the floods as a constant reminder to just keep going toward her goal of one-day helping those suffering from addiction. Lori is now getting back on her feet, and more motivated than ever after finishing the Fall 2013 semester with a 4.0 GPA.



Jessica DorganRoss is an aspiring health care careers student and Miekkeljohn Scholarship recipient. Her family's house was affected by the September floods. When she came to RRCC to ask what options she had after her world was torn apart, she was greeted with a smile. Jessica has resumed her studies at RRCC as of this spring.

Ways to Give

GIVE AN UNRESTRICTED GIFT

To provide general support for the RRCC Foundation and its successful programs you can designate your gift to the RRCC Foundation Scholarship Fund or the Fund for Excellence.

PROVIDE A RESTRICTED GIFT

To be more involved in the way your gift is used at the RRCC Foundation you can designate your gift to establish a Named Scholarship—with an annual commitment of only \$2,000 per year you can establish your very own named scholarship.

ESTABLISH A NAMED ENDOWMENT

The RRCC Foundation creates permanently invested Named Endowment funds starting at \$10,000. The income generated by that investment is used for the purpose you wish to support. A portion of the income is reinvested each year, enabling the endowment to grow and provide a permanent stream of support over time.

VOLUNTEERS!

SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES

100 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 20, 2014

Time: 1:00pm-4:30pm

Training Provided!

Sign-up Today!

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