



President's Report: Dr. Michele Haney

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Transform the student experience.

- RRCC students sent their experiment to space with NASA the week of August 13th! It was a successful launch and recovery of the O.S.C.A.R. project; designed, tested and built by the CCofCO RockSat-X team. The team has students from RRCC, CCA and ACC. We were the only community college team on the rocket project and our students were awesome. Their experiment worked and now it is on to the data analysis and the final report. CCA recorded video footage and I hope to be able to access some of that. Our students are true rock(et) stars!



- Fall New Student Welcome Night was held Tuesday, August 14 from 5 – 7 p.m.; RRCC-Arveda is holding their New Student Welcome Night, August 22 from 5- 7 p.m.
- RRCC participated in the Inventor's Fair, along with the 3rd Annual Jeffco Fair and Festival in Golden, August 10-12. The Inventor's Fair showcased technophiles, robotics freaks and crafters gather for this family-friendly inventions, creativity and resourcefulness. Makers came to show their

creations and share their learnings where attendees are invited to get up close and personal with the projects.

- Applications are being accepted for the Trefny Honor's Program. Benefits of being a Trefny Honors Student are:
 - Integrating Real-World Issues
 - Creating a Community of Scholars
 - Cultivating Creative Problem Solving Skills
 - Retreats, Field Trips, and Workshops
 - Scholarships - \$2400 Over 2 Years
 - Internships and Service Learning
- The IDEA Lab and Engineering Club built a robotics challenge for the 4-H STEM Summer Programs on August 11th.
- The Learning Commons' ILEARN project was to measure the effectiveness of tutoring. Working with Institution Research, their research found that students who received tutoring in the College Prep Zone were more likely to pass their courses and progress to the next class. We hear that from students every day. The next step of their ILEARN goal is to increase the number of students who utilize tutoring— which makes a significant impact on retention.
- RRCC has the third lowest cohort default rate (CDR) in the System and our CDR projections continue to drop. Over the last 7 years, our CDR has dropped 9 percentage points and is projected to be 12.59% when the official rate is released in October. In June, Tom Miller worked with ECMC Solutions to successfully cure 30 delinquent student loans.
- Terri Cedillo is working with the Foundation to establish a new RRCC scholarship for undocumented students and RRCC students who are ASSET/DACA recipients.
- A new Center for Multicultural Excellence will be opening within the new Hub. The space is intended to foster intercultural dialogue and provide support for students of color in service of our goals to close the equity gap.
- A team from The Hub attended the AAC&U Institute for High Impact Practices this summer and will working to incorporate High Impact Practices (HIPs) into more of the curriculum and within our Guided Pathways.
- Emelda Jones used a data backed study to introduce a research class in collaboration with the RRCC library to advanced English language students in order to improve research capability among ESL students.
- SRC (Student Recreation Center) launched its Innosoft-Fusion Recreation Software. This software will allow the SRC to track participation, sell memberships, rent out day-use equipment, and much more. With the new software, we have changed our usage tracking to a more accurate measure. The SRC saw over 18,000 visits in the Spring Semester
- New student leadership positions were created. These include: Personal Trainer, Outdoor Trip Leader, and Student Coordinator
- A recreation location for the Arvada Campus has been approved and we hope to open the new facility in Fall 2018.

- The SRC served as a staging area for Commencement and will serve as the backup site for future commencement ceremonies. A floor covering was purchased to protect the courts for future events.
- The SRC won “Best in Show” in a nation-wide Intramural T-Shirt Competition. RRCC was up against over 300 other schools.
- The SRC launched a Student Wellness Committee.
- In the Student Satisfaction Survey (500 response), over 95% of the students surveyed agreed that the SRC is accomplishing its mission and improving the quality of life on campus.
 - Events
 - World Cup Viewing Party
 - Multiple Climbing and Hiking Trips
 - Intramural Sporting Events such as basketball, volleyball, archery tag, etc.
 - Spa Night
 - Strong as a Fox Bench Press Competition
 - March Madness Viewing Party and Bracket Competition
 - Climbing/Bouldering Competitions
 - Valentine’s Day Yoga and Partner Climbing
 - Faculty/Staff Free Week
- TRIO Student Success Services has implemented a TRIO SSS Peer mentoring program. To date, we have identified TRIO mentors and have paired them up with students. This model will be carried forward for the fall.

Transform our own workforce experience.

- Colorado First and Existing Industry Job Training Programs (CFEI): The Colorado Community College System manages the State’s CFEI Program, and RMEC administers the grant program for RRCC. Companies can be eligible for both types of grants depending on their employee expansion and or worker training needs. The list in the next section includes grantees that are currently working with RMEC to add new worker training and or upskill existing workers:
 - Barber Nichols
 - Easter Owens
 - Lockheed
 - Mesa Labs
 - Wadsworth Controls
 - For a total of \$308,190
- OSHA Susan Harwood Grant Program: Field Leadership in Coaching and Mentoring Fall Prevention: RMEC is wrapping up their 4th year of the Susan Harwood Grant Program to provide safety training to underserved populations. RMEC projected 750 completers for this year in the one-day Field Leadership Coaching and Mentoring Fall Prevention and have trained over 1,000 participants in 15 cities in Colorado, North Dakota, and Arkansas. To date, 65 of the participants completed the train-the-trainer session and is in turn teaching the course at their employer’s job site with materials prepared by RMEC. RMEC is offering a Train-the-Trainer session in Spanish and have

translated the training materials for the trainers to use with Spanish speaking workers. Of the seventeen worker deaths on the job in Colorado in 2017, seven were from falls.

- Partnerships in Continuing Education and Training: RMEC's Executive Director Joan Smith has been elected by the industry membership to serve on the Wyoming Oil and Gas Industry Safety Alliance Board (WOGISA). REMC has signed a host agreement with the Wyoming Montana Safety Council (WMSC) to offer OSHA numbered courses across Wyoming. WMSC joins our other training partners in North Dakota and Montana in helping us achieve our goal of safety training across the Federal Region VIII. RMEC serves as an authorize OSHA Education Center. WOGISA is hosting a kickoff event of the new RMEC/WMSC partnership in Casper, Wyoming.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

- RRCC recently received a COSI grant to partner with Jefferson High School. This grant allows us to hire a case manager who will split their time between Jefferson High School and RRCC assisting students as they transition from high school to Red Rocks.
- Jeffco Public Schools, Jeffco Student Engagement, RRCC Arvada Campus Administration, Advising and Academic Services, Business Services, Concurrent Enrollment and Assessment representatives have collaborated on a prevention program for students who have dropped out or are at risk of dropping out of high school. The program will intentionally focus on creating a safety net of academic and social supports for students between the ages of 16.5 to 21 years old.
- RRCC Arvada campus has leased classroom space (annex below campus) to Jeffco Public Schools. The program will have blended and hybrid instruction with an attendance requirement and face-to-face support. The program can accommodate a cohort of 30 students in the morning and another group of 30 in the afternoon.
- Students will complete their secondary requirements and will have the option to begin CTE and general education courses on the college campus. The program will be managed by Zero Dropouts and will include a director, counselor and two teachers. The goal is the successful completion of high school, FAFSA completion, post-secondary enrollment and job placement.

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

- RRCC will begin its project to address Security which will enable us to install much needed video cameras and electronic locks throughout the Lakewood campus.
- The 2017-2018 Academic Year saw the Foundation award out its highest dollar amount in scholarships. The Foundation gave financial support to 272

RRCC students, with \$601,633 of award money! The average GPA of our scholars was a 3.4, and 130 scholars stated they were 1st Gen Students.

- RRCC is preparing to implement a new suite of online tools through Education Advisory Board (EAB): Navigate and Campus are the tools being utilized beginning this fall.
- The Career Success Center is offering walk-in hours for students this semester! In the past all appointments with the Career Success Center have been by appointment, but some students may just want to drop in for a quick career questions or to have someone quickly review their resume. Walk-in hours will be every Wednesday from 2pm-4pm and will begin the first week of classes, August 22nd. The Career Success Center is also available to meet with students by appointment any other time throughout the week. They can drop by the HUB, email, or call to make an appointment.
- Last year, the Foundation launched two new programs to support the college: Board Innovation Grant Program & Adjunct Tuition Reimbursement Program. The Red Rocks Community College Foundation Board of Directors launched an Innovation Challenge funding opportunity, this past Spring. Through the grant proposal, all college personnel are encouraged to submit proposals that focus on addressing goals and challenges identified in the current RRCC strategic plan through creative solutions. Another round of Innovation funding is expected in Spring 2019, so keep an eye out for more info! Adjunct Tuition Reimbursement is provided by the RRCC Foundation in support of Adjunct Faculty working at Red Rocks Community College who wish to extend their knowledge and enhance their teaching capacity. \$10,000 will be available for Fall and \$10,000 will be available for Spring semester. Awards will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis.

Foundation Program	# of	Total Amount
Scholarship Program	272	\$601,633
Endowed Teaching Chair	5	\$29,138
Mini-grants Program	13	\$5,999
Dr. Agneta Albinsson Grants	4	\$5,680
Board Innovation Grants	2	\$12,500
Adjunct Tuition Assistance	19	\$10,362
Staff Book Fund	8	\$400
Internship Program Grant	1	\$3,000
Children's Center Grant	1	\$2,000
Food Bank	1	\$3,000
PTK Grant for Membership Scholarships	1	\$595
Program Designated Support		\$375,427
Total support to the College		\$1,049,734

- The Foundation Office is excited to announce that they will once again have funding for our Adjunct Tuition Reimbursement Program this upcoming

academic year. The application opened Friday, August 3rd. \$10,000 will be available for Adjunct Faculty tuition reimbursement for the Fall semester. Awards will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis. The program is open to Adjunct Faculty teaching at least three credit hours during the Fall semester, and they may utilize this program for reimbursement of up to six credit hours of courses taken at Red Rocks Community College. This program may only be used during the same semester in which an Adjunct Faculty is actively teaching.

- The Hub renovations will be complete and offices occupied by the end of work week, August 17.

Other:



- Congratulations to Brenda Forland, the 2018-2020 Student Voice Endowed Teaching Chair! The Endowed Teaching Chair Presentation took place on August 13th at 2:00 pm in the Grand Foyer.



- CRAIG, CO — Resignations and retirements have left Colorado Northwestern Community College short three vice presidents — VP of Instruction, VP of Finance and VP of Craig Campus — as well as voids in other leadership positions. To help keep things on track for the start of a new semester, the Colorado Community College System office has provided support, including an interim VP for the Craig Campus. Ron Slinger, who is "on loan from his home institution" — Red Rocks Community College, where he serves as associate vice president of institutional advancement for Red Rocks Community College and executive director of the Red Rocks Community College Foundation. He has been in Craig about three weeks and expects to remain in town for about three months during the search for a permanent replacement for a former Vice President.