



President's Report: Dr. Michele Haney June/July/August 2022

Transform the student experience.

- Red Rocks held a ceremony for 20 Law Enforcement Academy Graduates from the Class of 2021 on June 3, 2022. The Red Rocks Law Enforcement Academy is an intensive instructional program that satisfies the Colorado Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (POST) certification requirements. Colorado law requires that candidates for peace officer and parole positions be POST certified before they work as a law enforcement officer. Our graduates have gone on to join police departments, sheriff's offices, and state agencies.



RRCC Receives Million Dollar Grant for Physician Assistant Students: Funding will support the Needs of Medically Underserved Communities. Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) recently received a grant in the amount of \$951,247, awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration. This five-year grant will provide 18-week longitudinal

clinical rotations to Physician Assistant (PA) students throughout rural regions of Colorado with a goal to increase the numbers of PAs who practice primary care in rural community's post-graduation. Additionally, the RRCC PA Program will support the training and professional development of preceptors in rural areas. Both key activities will strengthen the primary care workforce by promoting primary care practice and enhancing training for both future and current primary

care providers. Anticipated results include the expansion of the number of qualified PAs who practice primary care after graduation, which will address the statewide shortage of primary care providers and the urgent community need for primary care providers who are well-trained to meet the needs of rural Medically Underserved Communities (MUCs).

"This money will provide the college with the opportunities to grow our health services to the rural areas of Colorado and those citizens who have been underserved," says Dr. Michele Haney, President of RRCC.

The RRCC PA Program is the only Master's degree-granting community college program in the United States, one of only four programs in Colorado preparing physician assistants, and the only program dedicated to preparing PAs for primary care practice. Annually, the program trains 32 PA students. The funding from HRSA will support eight (8) PA students annually (40 total) in completing 18-week longitudinal clinical rotations in primary care settings. The Rural Immersion Program will partner with four critical access hospitals/rural health clinics located in MUCs to provide student training. Further, the PA Program will partner with Colorado Rural Health Center, Colorado's nonprofit State Office of Rural Health, to provide education and training to the partner rural clinics and preceptors.

As a result, the grant will increase the number of PAs who practice in rural primary care areas, enhance PA students' knowledge and skills to provide culturally responsive and inclusive medicine and represent demographics reflective of the communities they serve, and strengthen the RRCC PA Program's partnership with the Colorado Rural Health Center and rural primary care clinics across the state.

"Red Rocks Community College is committed to fulfilling its role in addressing community needs," says Angela King, the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement at RRCC. "This incredible funding opportunity allows us to continue our efforts with regional partners to address the statewide shortage of primary care providers and the urgent community need for primary care providers who are well-trained to meet the needs of rural Medically Underserved Communities."

- The Foundation closed out the year with a record-breaking year \$2.1 million in gifts.
- The Foundation expects to award \$737,000 in awards for the upcoming academic year.
- PHI and HIS will be running a study abroad to India in the fall.

New Programs

- A new BAS in Construction is in the works which will align with Apprenticeship programs.
- Two new AA in Machine Learning and Data Analytics and Public Health
- New Cardio certificate
- **Advising**
Advising Personnel • Onboarded 5 new pathway advisors • Created Associate Director of Advising position Advising has served • Advising has hosted 5,384 advising appts. • Supported 3,456 individual students • Hosted a Transfer Fair • Hosted GearUp students into a Matriculation event at RRCC. Advising Campaigns • Supported the launch of Mines Academy at RRCC- with two new

STEM Advisors • Led Early Alert campaign in collaboration with Academic Affairs for Math and English courses • Initiated the Finish What you Started Program at RRCC: • Served 30 student in the summer semester • 4 students have completed their program through FWYS • \$28,000 directly to students for tuition and support funds.

- **Career Services**

Our main highlight is that we transitioned to our new job board, Handshake, this summer. Currently on our Handshake platform: • 1,730 Employers • 4,900 Job Postings • 9,887 Student Accounts • 53 Events.



- **Foundation - In Step with Student Needs**

- Aubrey finished up her time at Red Rocks this past spring and is currently enrolled at Metro State for her four-year program. This recent RRCC alum is a powerful example of how a gift's impact goes well beyond the individual student.

- In the weeks before speaking at our luncheon this past April, someone stole her car. She spent the final weeks of the semester coordinating rides to campus and her full-time job on public trains, with classmates and others. In the hour before speaking, she sat in the

hallway completing coursework. Then immediately after, she headed to her job as a hair stylist. Quite simply, Aubrey is driven. She has a vision for her future and is not afraid of putting in the work to make it happen. Aubrey works full-time to make ends meet, but was unable to afford a college degree on her own.

Scholarships made a college education possible for her. Nearly half of the 9,000 students that walk our hallways face significant financial hardships while trying to attend college. Our Foundation works hard to provide resources to support students in both accessing and completing their educational goals. Scholarships remain the core of our work. With your help, we have gone beyond scholarships to provide subsidized on-site child care and an on-campus food pantry. Your gifts have made all of that possible. When you make a gift to the Foundation, you are helping put qualified individuals back in our hospitals, electricians back in our construction sites, and cybersecurity specialists back on the watch to protect our systems. You are changing the world one student at a time. During the 2021-2022 Academic Year, the Foundation awarded 336 RRCC students with over \$730k. Our scholars earned 72 degrees and 48 certificates. RRCC Foundation scholars.

- **The Dean of Students**

Dr. Burciaga began on April 1 to bring together seven various programs: a. LSAMP b. Accessibility Services c. TRIO SSS d. Campus Life i. Student Rec ii. Student Life iii. Student Health Clinic; e. Veteran Services f. STEM Education Leadership Initiative for Students of Color grant application submitted (phase 2 of the Perlmutter Grant). Once the program is approved (dollars already

earmarked), programming will start early in the fall term. 2. Adult Learner Success Mini-Grant. Dean of Students is co-leading with the Executive Director of DEI to begin new programming for adult learners that includes Extended service hours, staff-supported student meet-up groups, and direct outreach to students; 3. 32 NCSI self-assessment: RRCC campus safety team completed a survey on 9 specific elements focused on campus safety to determine areas of strength and areas to improve. Results are currently being analyzed and interpreted. 4. LSAMP Completed its four-year grant program. The plan institutionalized fulltime staff position will be absorbed into the Part-time Navigator position of the Perlmutter Grant and as a staff member of the Dean of Students to assist with BIT/conduct triage. 5. Veteran Services completed "updating and Freshening up" its student's lounge. 6. The Student Health Clinic will expand its team to include a Student Wellness and Outreach Coordinator for developing and implementing a campus-wide outreach service in conjunction with direct service delivery and care coordination as part of the Student Clinic. A search for the coordinator is underway. 7. The Dean of Students will begin participating in the Leadership Jeffco on August 25 for a year-long program.

- **Financial Aid**

In conjunction with the Registrar, we have updated our software to ensure continued federal compliance with course-to-program of study. • We rolled out new scholarships and stipends to support working ECE students. • Shannon Webber is serving another term as Secretary of the CAFAA Board of Directors, and Terri Cedillo is RRCC ATP Co-Chair. • We have begun talks with Arvada Housing Authority to bring RRCC programming and admissions support to former foster youth at their housing facility.

- **Student Health Clinic**

We acquired and onboarded our new RRCC student engagement software, called (Fox Life). We will be soft launching the software during the Fall semester. Red Rocks is piloting the software along with Front Range and Pikes Peak. 2. We participated in the Juneteenth parade. And, we also had a float in the Pride parade with the theme being, "Building on our Foundation". 3. We offered 5 successful new student orientations from July 7th to August 6th.

- **Veterans Services**

Completed VA compliance audit with no failures found (this is very hard to do and not typical of all audits) • Completed Annual VA program approval • SVA attended a Rockies game • SVA attended a Rapids Game • Veteran Center update/remodel completed.

Transform our own workforce experience.

- **STEM Education Leadership Initiative for Students of Color**

A \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education Office of Postsecondary Education will support the Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) STEM Education Leadership Initiative for Students of Color. Over a two-year period, the project will work to increase diversity in high-tech skill and STEM careers and prepare the next generation of Colorado's workforce. In line with the federal appropriations act language authorizing a credential attainment initiative related to STEM fields, the proposed project will support 50 RRCC students of color in

entering STEM fields of study, persisting through with academic success, and graduating with credentials needed to pursue additional education or employment in STEM-related fields. Project activities will work to: 1) significantly increase the number of underrepresented students of color who earn a postsecondary credential in STEM disciplines; and 2) accelerate the socialization process and reinforce each student's commitment to earn a credential and to pursue additional education or employment in a STEM related field.

- Perkins grant of \$360,000 to upgrade equipment in the Fire Science Technology program.
- Acquired CCCS Adult Learners Grants totaling \$40,000 focused on Classroom Technology Upgrade to Expand Hy-Flex options for Adult Learners.
- RRCC hosted the 2022 COSI Symposium where guests from across the state were able to connect and learn about resources for their programs.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

- On June 13th, a declaration was read by Dr. Michele Haney on behalf of Triad, Early Childhood Council of Clear Creek, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties during the Annual Children's Champion Awards at RRCC. Jefferson County Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper was the featured speaker. Service providers, policy makers and community members attended to learn more about the state of well-being for our young children, collaborative efforts to improve services and outcomes for children, and honoring those who have made significant contributions to improving the lives of young children and their families attended the event.
- Community First gifted \$214,000 to support Triad Early Childhood Council Childcare subsidies to support families in need.
- Honors and Spanish Departments, in partnership with the Mines Honors Program, completed a study abroad trip to Costa Rica.
- SPA is conducting a study abroad trip to Costa Rica in conjunction with the School of Mines Honors Program.
- SPA will be offering Latin for the first time in their concurrent enrollment program to be run at D'Evelyn High.

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

- Governor Polis' Financial Aid Working Group: Last year, Shannon Webber was approached by Governor Polis' office to serve on a working group to address low financial aid application completion in Colorado. The team worked through the winter to research and write our proposal, and we officially submitted our findings and recommendations to the Governor's Office in early spring
- **RRCC Blood Drive**
Red Rocks Community College employees are stepping up to donate all blood types, especially type O, to support hospital patients who depend on lifesaving transfusions on August 31st. If they donated a pint, they will receive a gallon of gas, plus a chance to win a year's worth of gas! #GiveBlood in August and we'll send you a \$6 prepaid gift card to help fill your gas tank. Plus, you'll be entered to

- win 1 of 5 \$3,000 prepaid gift cards. Both offers are redeemable by email. Win big and help end the critical blood shortage: vitalant.org/AugustAppreciation.
- **Radiology Technology** was awarded 7-year accreditation by Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT)
 - New program expansion in Medical Imaging. Students are now able to upskill in cardiac sonography with a certificate program if they are already working in the field or enter the sonography field and earn an Associate's degree in either medical sonography or cardiac sonography.
 - The Humanities has back-to-back Endowed Teaching Chair winners-Jenning Prevatte and Toni Nicholas (bringing the total in the department to five)
 - Sandra Sajbel is running a creative writing recruitment program (CCWW). She is also working with Julia Bordeaux from the library to create a media literacy program.
 - Successful completion of 2022 Physicians' Assistance Program and graduation.
 - Dr. Kelly Worden completed a student abroad trip to Baja Marine Ecology.

Other News



Employee Appreciation Picnic

Red Rocks Community College recognizes all of the hard work that the faculty, staff, and student workers put in to keeping the college running. In order to show their gratitude, Red Rocks Community College held an Employee Appreciation Picnic. Who played games while enjoying food made by Food Services. This year we had a Western

theme and offered Cornhole Tournament, Steer Roping, Horseshoe Toss Competition and Sand Sculpture Contest.