



RED ROCKS  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

OCTOBER 2024

## 1. President's Updates



- **Colorado Business Round Table Meeting:**

RRCC hosted the Colorado Business Round Table meeting at the Arvada campus. COBRT Partners participated in a roundtable discussion with U.S. Rep Brittany Pettersen at Red Rocks Community College. The discussion centered on critical issues for a strong business climate, including Workforce Development, Tax Reform, and Immigration Reform.
- **President's Open Forums:**

President Landon Pirius held two open forums in September to discuss his recent Leadership Restructure Business Plan with faculty and staff. The forums gave attendees, both in-person and online, the opportunity to ask questions about the business plan, strategic plan and other subjects. The recordings of each forum were then emailed to all faculty and staff.

  - Lakewood: Monday, September 9  
46 people attended in person; 92 attended online. The recording has received 35 views as of September 17.
  - Arvada: Thursday, September 12  
26 people attended in person; 63 attended online. The recording has received 23 views as of September 17

## 2. Foundation

- **The Miss Nobis (Maralee J. Nobis-Jacobsen) and Mr. J (Alan L. Jacobsen) Endowed Scholarship Fund:**

The RRCC Foundation has received a generous bequest of \$300,000 to establish “The Miss Nobis (Maralee J. Nobis-Jacobsen) and Mr. J (Alan L. Jacobsen) Endowed Scholarship Fund.” Maralee, a former arts educator and librarian in Jeffco Public Schools, is committed to investing in the future of Jeffco students. She honors the memory of her late husband, Alan, by dedicating herself to their shared legacy of inspiring future generations, particularly in environmental stewardship and appreciation for Colorado’s magnificent natural resources.

This legacy gift is intended to memorialize Maralee and Alan’s generosity and dedication to supporting and inspiring future generations to succeed, explore the world, and make a positive impact.

## 3. Campus Developments



- **New Wayfinding Signs at Lakewood Campus:**

Red Rocks Community College recently installed new wayfinding signs around the Lakewood campus. These signs were designed to improve navigation and enhance the overall campus experience for students, staff, and visitors.



## 4. Academic and Program Highlights



- **2024 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar:**  
Abigail Sprik was named one of the 210 Phi Theta Kappa members selected as a 2024 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar, earning a \$1,000 scholarship. This prestigious award supports new Phi Theta Kappa members by helping with educational expenses while they pursue their associate degrees.
- **ASL Chat at the Lakewood Campus:**  
The American Sign Language sessions began on September 4th. Participants at all levels were welcomed to learn and practice. The meetings took place every Monday and Wednesday and were taught by Stacey Roe.
- **Fall 2024 Instructor Professional Development:**  
The Teaching & Learning Center (TLC) offered the TLC Engaged Learning Workshops for Fall 2024. These workshops, designed to support instructors in creating dynamic and interactive learning environments, were held on the third Tuesday evening of each month.



## 5. Community Engagement



- **Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Month:**

We are currently celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a variety of events across campus. The Student Recreation Center recently hosted a successful Salsa & Salsa party, which featured a salsa bar and a salsa-inspired Zumba class. Looking ahead, other departments are actively preparing for additional events, including, a Salsa competition, a Papel Picado workshop, and Hispanic & Latinx Community Night.



- **Student Recreation Center Rocks the Rec:**

The SRC hosted "Rock the Rec," the biggest event of the fall semester, featuring food, games, contests, and community fun.



- **Kick-Off Cookout:**

Human Resources hosted a Kick-Off Cookout for the faculty and staff of RRCC, providing an opportunity to enjoy a meal together and celebrate the start of the new semester.



- **Colorado Men of Color Collaborative: Excellence in Education Gala**

Red Rocks Community College was proud to sponsor the annual *Excellence in Education Gala*, hosted by the Colorado Men of Color Collaborative (CMOCC). This event honored the outstanding



contributions of educators, leaders, and partners of public education from across the Denver Metro Area.

## 6. Special Events and Achievements



- **Rhythms: A Contemporary Textile Exhibition:**

The ART Gallery at RRCC presented *Rhythms: A Contemporary Textile Exhibition*, showcasing innovative works by members of Front Range Contemporary Quilters (FRCQ) from August 9 to October 4, 2024.