



President's Report: Dr. Michele Haney June/July/August 2023

Transform the student experience.



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The Colorado Hispanic Serving Institution (CO HSI) Consortium's mission is close to our hearts – to build a supportive community of HSIs that empowers us to better serve Hispanic/Latinx students.

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RRCC Theatre Arts and Dance presented *The Tempest*, a Shakespeare favorite in collaboration with North Dakota Shakespeare Festival

This summer, the RRCC Department of Theatre and Dance participated in a collaboration with the North Dakota Shakespeare Festival to bring

Shakespeare's *The Tempest* to Colorado! This special collaboration involved Professional and Apprentice (college-aged) Actors from all over the U.S. coming together to create a professional Shakespeare in the Park performance! The production was rehearsed and performed here at RRCC, then traveled to North Dakota to perform for an additional two weeks!



Student Life

The Student Summer Kick-off Students were able to enjoy a day of free food, music, yard games, volleyball, board games, pool, and meet clubs on campus.

The STUDENT BBQ was an absolute success! We want to extend a massive THANK YOU to all the amazing students who joined us at the event today. Your enthusiasm and energy made it an unforgettable experience! A heartfelt thank you to our esteemed deans, Armando Burciaga and Derek Grubb, for taking charge as the Grill Masters!

RRCC IN THE DENVER PRIDE PARADE -

Marching in the Pride Parade is not just about the exuberant floats and lively music—it's about making a visible and tangible statement. Together, we can shine a light on the importance of equality and acceptance, spreading love and understanding to every corner of our society.

RRCC students and their families were invited to **Welcome Night at the Lakewood Campus from 5-7 pm on Wednesday, August 16th** and **Welcome Day on Thursday, August 23rd from 11am-1pm at the Arvada Campus**. We had multiple workshops from different student

services like First Year Experience, Student Recreation Center, Career Services, STEM, TRIO, the Student Management System - D2L, and Student Life to learn how to prepare for their classes and how to get involved outside the classroom. More student services and academic services will also be available to help answer any of our students' questions.

RRCC Produced Free Shows This Summer

The Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) Theatre Arts and Dance Department presented a full summer of productions that were free and open to the public.

OUR VOICES Playwriting Festival - June 23-25. This festival features a full three days of workshops, networking opportunities, writing, and four performances open to the public--June 23 @ 7 pm; June 24 @ 3 pm @ 7 pm; June 25 open mic @ 3 pm. Featured professional playwrights: Ellen K. Graham, William Missouri Downs, Leonard Madrid, Nick Malakhov, Colette Mazunik, Jeffrey Neuman, and Rebecca Gorman O'Neill. Full access to the festival was \$60. All performances were free and open to the public.

MOSQUITOES by Lucy Kirkwood. This is a one-night performance featuring student director Ren Patton - June 30 @ 7 pm. MOSQUITOES was presented by special arrangement with Broadway Licensing, LLC, servicing the Dramatists Play Service collection.

AUTO PLAY NEXT LEVEL. Colette and Evan Mazunik presented a unique live storytelling experience. Think live theatre with a built-in music score! July 7 @ 7 pm

THE TEMPEST. RRCC Theatre Arts and Dance presented this Shakespeare favorite in collaboration with North Dakota Shakespeare Festival July 20-23. Performances were outside at the RRCC Pavilion at 7 pm on July 20-22 and 2 pm and 7 pm on July 23. People brought blankets or lawn chairs and enjoyed Shakespeare in the open air.



Gateway Program former offenders provided extraordinary testimonies of hope from their experiences in the Gateway Program. This is a curriculum and support system that encourages you to use your skills and abilities in new ways, so you become a successful contributor to your family and community.

Transform our own workforce experience.

- **Veteran Services** hosted a **Meet and Greet** Tuesday, **August 29th** and Wednesday, **August 30th** from 11am to 1pm in room 1007 at the Lakewood Campus.



El Camino College and Red Rocks Community College collaborate to align Colorado & California Aerospace Hubs to Create the "Space, Cyber & Supply Talent Development Center."

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

- On June 6th, 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. 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.

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



Vitalant has a critical summer blood shortage and urges all eligible donors to make an appointment and give blood in August to help patients. The blood available for patients this summer continues to dip below the needed four-day supply, most often for type O, the most transfused blood type. Making an appointment now to donate in the days or weeks ahead helps ensure the blood supply is continually replenished, so doctors have the blood they need to save

lives. Join us in the coming weeks to make a life-saving blood donation. RRCC Blood Drive, August 30 10:00 – 3:30 p.m. at the West Entrance.



FINANCIAL AID TEAM WINS AT THE ANNUAL CAFAA CONFERENCE.

Congratulations to our Financial Aid team for their wins at the annual CAFAA conference. Each year, the annual CAFAA conference asks their members to recognize the outstanding contributions of their peers. Nominations are based off a person's achievement and outstanding contributions.

Nadine Green won Distinguished Support Staff Member of the Year

Karen Tran won Rookie of the Year

Fernando Gomez -nominated for Post-Secondary Professional of the Year

Anne Allen -nominated for Distinguished Support Staff Member of the Year

- FinAid continues to receive new funds from the State. As they provide details, we will post the details online. For now, we're putting students on a waitlist. Once we have sufficient info, we'll send out a campus-wide e-mail.
- The STEM Leadership Academy now has over 50 participants! They will now begin a waitlist.

- Student Life will host **Welcome Day** at the **Arvada Campus** Thursday, **August 24th** from 10am to 1pm. There will be workshops, 20-25 department tables (similar to the Lakewood Welcome Night) and a chance to win a \$500 tuition certificate.

Other News



Employee Appreciation Picnic
Red Rocks Community College recognized 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. **Congratulations to our new corn hole champions, Corn Nuts!** Our staff picnic was a huge success, filled with laughter, teamwork,

and friendly competition. It's moments like these that bring us closer as a team and create lasting memories.



- **THE ART GALLERY ON CAMPUS IS HOSTING THE JAZZ PHOTOGRAPHY OF FRANCIS WOLFF.** Alfred Lion & Francis Wolff began Blue Note Records in 1939. They recorded the greatest Jazz Musicians of the 40's, 50's and 60's. Francis Wolff photographed these sessions capturing these intimate moments which were used by album cover designer Reid Miles for the iconic album covers. Come see this extensive exhibit!



President Michele Haney Announces Retirement from Red Rocks Community College. (RRCC)

president **Dr. Michele Haney** announced she will retire in January 2024, culminating a 15-year tenure and a 31-year career with the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). One of the largest colleges in CCCS, RRCC serves about 10,000 students across its two campuses in Lakewood and Arvada each year. “This has not been an easy decision, because I love what we do and I am so proud of this institution,” Dr. Haney said. “I have been honored to serve with excellent instructors and faculty members, work alongside committed staff and administrators, and watch our students enrich their lives through our

education and training. While I will be sad to part with the RRCC community, I know the college has a bright future ahead.” Joe Garcia, chancellor of the CCCS, praised Dr. Haney’s devotion to community colleges and Colorado students. “Dr. Haney is not only an innovative and effective leader—she truly cares about every student who walks on campus and inspires others to do the same,” Chancellor Garcia said. “Over her decades-long career as a college president, she has rolled out cutting-edge academic programs, brought in wraparound supports for students, and forged deep relationships with Colorado business and industry. She has set the bar high for higher education leaders across Colorado and will be deeply missed.”



Dr. Michele Haney receives the Colorado flag flown at the Denver Capitol on her birthday. This was presented to Michele by Dr. Lisa Fowler and Dr. Beverly Clark III at the beginning of the semester on August 14th.