



FRCC December 2022 Board Report

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Transform the student experience.

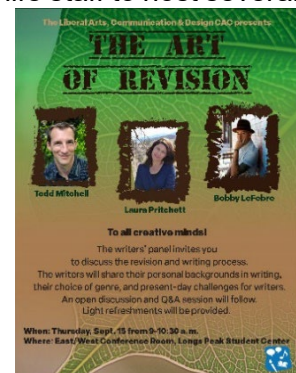
This fall FRCC's EMS and dental assisting programs collaborated to set up several **mock medical emergency scenarios** to enhance student learning in both fields. The scenarios allowed dental assisting students to see what it's like when these common medical emergencies occur in real time. They responded based on what they had learned in the classroom, then communicated information to first responders as they arrived on scene. The EMS students got to experience what it's like to respond to a 9-1-1 call and perform assessments, provide treatments and transport patients—just like they would in real life. Here is what some of the students had to say about the experience:

- "It was so realistic and even though I was nervous going into it, once the scenario played out I just reacted to the situation and didn't even think about it. I surprised myself."
- "It was very helpful to do this because, even though we've learned and talked about each of the different types of medical emergencies that could occur in a dental office, you don't really know what to expect. This was a very eye opening and beneficial experience."
- "This lab gave me a better understanding of how a real 9-1-1 call would play out and what my role as an EMT will be."



FRCC's **English and communication** department partnered with student life staff to host several well-attended events for students on our Larimer Campus this fall. *The Art of Revision* was a panel of professional writers who answered student-generated questions. *Deciding What's News* included a panel of professional journalists. Later in the semester creative writing students got to read their original work at the Lyric Cinema in Fort Collins—and students from our Intro to Film Art class debuted their short films.

The Longmont Museum is currently updating its collection plan to ensure that the **local histories** they share are inclusive of people who have been historically excluded. The TRIO director from our Boulder County Campus participated in a taskforce led by the City of Longmont and helped identify projects on which the museum could collaborate with our Boulder County Campus. Museum staff expressed particular interest in our *Reconstructing the Past* project, which is a collaboration of faculty and students in women's studies, women's history and art. They will continue to look at ways for FRCC students, faculty and staff to be involved with projects at the museum.



FRCC's campuses hosted several meaningful events this semester to celebrate the diversity that makes our college unique. Beyond delicious food, original music and spectacular dancing from cultures around the world, students got the chance to learn more about different worldviews. At the Larimer Campus in late October, the diversity committee hosted ***Diversity Week: Celebrating One World, Many Identities***. Each day focused on raising awareness and understanding of populations that have been historically—and are still being—marginalized. Faculty, staff and students participated in insightful discussions on topics like access and inclusion for people with disabilities and the struggle for LGBTQIA+ rights in the US. At the Westminster Campus, the student sociology club hosted its popular annual *Diversity Day* event in November. Hundreds of students engaged in games and activities to learn about concepts like privilege, social justice in health care, neurodiversity, Deaf culture, wealth inequality and labor unions.



Transform our own workforce experience.

The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's Office of the Future of Work has awarded FRCC's Director of Apprenticeships Chris Heuston the **Apprenticeship Champion Award** for 2022. The statewide Apprenticeship Awards honor apprentices, mentors, employers, programs and the partners and champions who unite them. The ceremony—which takes place during National Apprenticeship Week in November—recognizes the critical role apprenticeships play in strengthening Colorado's workforce development pipeline and economy. FRCC also recently highlighted four of our health care apprentices.

Read their inspiring stories on the college blog:



[Toni Scruggs](#)

[Earlene Guel](#)

[Zoe Montano](#)

[Quinlyn Sloan](#)

The American Association for Women in Community Colleges has selected Dean of **Student Affairs** Erica Ingalls as a member of its *Under 40* class of 2022. This honor recognizes rising stars who are making a difference for their college and for the community they serve. As a leader who always puts students' needs first, Erica has been a vocal, active proponent for the creation and launch of FRCC's new Multicultural Center on our Westminster Campus. She provides strong and positive leadership for several of our most critical student services departments and programs. She gives FRCC and its students her all every day—even while pursuing her doctoral degree in leadership for educational equity at the University of Colorado-Denver.



Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

FRCC is offering a new [nutrition and dietetics program](#) in partnership with Metropolitan State University of Denver. Students can seamlessly transfer to MSU Denver to complete an accelerated bachelor's-master's degree. This allows them to complete the required degrees for their professional credential and become registered dietician nutritionists (RDNs) in less time—and for less money. FRCC and MSU Denver designed the new pathway to guide students directly from an associate to a bachelor's and then a master's degree—all in five years.

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analytics, using IBM's SkillsBuild software. SkillsBuild is a leading IT credentialing platform with distinguished content, deep community college relationships and an engaged employer network. FRCC is one of just five colleges nationally to be selected as a partner in this initiative. As the regional lead, FRCC will help build a robust, industry recognized, IBM-branded credential that will incentivize employers to hire graduates.

FRCC has been selected as the Rocky Mountain regional lead for a national IBM initiative to build new college-level industry certifications in **data**

FRCC and Colorado State University now offer a specialized program that will make transferring to CSU easier for FRCC [hospitality management](#) students who want to complete their bachelor's degree. The agreement will allow for smoother transfer from community college to the university—saving students money. FRCC students who successfully complete the Associate of Arts degree—and are admitted to CSU's program—will have a streamlined path to transfer to CSU as a junior to complete their four-year degree.



The **Health Sciences & Wellness** Department recently worked with the Northern Colorado Health Sector Partnership and Poudre and Thompson School Districts to provide 120 eighth graders the opportunity to explore health care careers and tour the college's campus in Fort Collins. Students interested in health careers visited the health care and arts spaces, as well as the student service areas on campus. They spent time exploring interactive booths hosted by Columbine Health Systems, UCHealth Radiology, Summit Stone, and Banner Health. Several current medical assisting students also helped students interact with digital anatomy using Anatomage tables, which are technologically advanced human 3D anatomy systems. This event demonstrated to future students that higher education is accessible and that they belong in college. The experience informed students that they can start health care classes in high school, and encouraged them to pursue health care-related careers.



The TRIO director at our Boulder County Campus attended a community meeting convened by the City of Longmont in response to the recent shooting of a young person in the community. Leaders from across sectors came together to talk about the **needs of youth and families** in Longmont. The chair of the Math Department also attended as a community leader in the neighborhood where the tragedy took place. Representatives from FRCC's campus in Longmont will continue to be a part of this process as the community works to heal. As a result of this initial meeting, the City of Longmont has identified three areas that folks from the community will focus on:

- Parent education & outreach
- Positive social activities for youth
- Scholarships to support youth in these activities

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

FRCC is [waiving fees](#) to help students earn college credit for their previous learning & expertise. Through **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)**, they can take what they've learned in work or life experiences and put that knowledge to work toward a degree or certificate. By formally evaluating and recognizing their expertise, the college is helping them get closer to earning a college credential. Students who earn [credit for prior learning](#) finish college faster because they don't have to take classes in the subjects they've already mastered. On average they save between \$1,600 and \$6,000 in the process—and a lot of time and effort as well. A grant from CCCS is allowing FRCC to waive the assessment fees for PLA through next spring, providing this option to all students more equitably. The college's goal is to increase access to earning credit for prior learning. Staff is doing targeted outreach to encourage students to apply—with a particular focus on Hispanic adult learners and students who are near degree/certificate completion. FRCC anticipates that these efforts will help directly increase credential attainment by adult students of color. In particular, the college expects the fee waiver to directly help many of FRCC's Latinx adult learners who are already on-track to earn a credential. By formally recognizing our adult learners' applicable existing skills, we will help students who are already on their way to a degree or certificate to complete their credential faster and at less expense.