

# PRESIDENTS REPORT

April 2024



## Senate Bill 164

RRCC President, Dr. Landon Pirus, testified on behalf of all Colorado community colleges regarding Senate Bill 164, which aimed to revise our student bill of rights and improve transfers from community colleges to universities. The bill unanimously passed the House Education Committee.



## Wendy Lubin

RRCC Dean of Academic Affairs, Wendy Lubin, has been recognized by CU Boulder as an Outstanding Colorado Community College Educator. This award celebrates educators across Colorado who demonstrate exceptional dedication in supporting students on their higher education journeys. Wendy will be formally recognized at CU Boulder's upcoming Outstanding Student & Educator Award Night later this month.

## Dr. Beverly Clark III

Dr. Beverly Clark III has been chosen by the Aspen Institute College Excellence Program as one of 40 leaders nationwide for the Rising Presidents Fellowship for Community College Excellence. Join us in celebrating this achievement! These fellows will collaborate with national leaders, connect with like-minded peers, and implement innovative strategies to overcome student success challenges.



## CoCEAL

RRCC hosted the Spring membership meeting for Colorado Coalition for the Educational Advancement of LatinX (CoCEAL). CoCEAL was a coalition of post-secondary and professional educators devoted to the educational success of the state's LatinX population.





## Theater concluded their second Voice Play non-credit class

Voice Play provides space and guidance for individuals to explore the voice and build vocal skills with the goal of testing the boundaries of the voice, discovering new sounds and capabilities, and altering or transitioning the voice using healthy methods of vocal production. This workshop is ideal for trans and nonbinary individuals seeking opportunities to naturally transition the voice in a safe space.



## Stu for Silverton

The RRCC Theatre department's Spring show was the Colorado Premiere of "Stu for Silverton." This groundbreaking musical/true story celebrated the journey of the first trans mayor in the country. Audiences joined us for an unforgettable evening of inspiration and entertainment. Stu's partner, Victoria, even came out to see it.



### Artist Talk with Walt Pourier

Walt Pourier, an Oglala Lakota/French artist, designer, Stronghold Society ED, and motivational speaker, visited RRCC to share his expertise and insights with our students. His Artist Talk was incredibly inspiring, and we appreciated him shedding light on the various facets of his career as a visual artist, designer, and advocate for non-profit organizations.



### Student Art Exhibit

The RRCC Student Art Exhibition is on view in our Art Gallery. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the fascinating work being done by students in Visual Arts, VAMA, and Fine Woodworking.





## Career Fairs

### **Fire and EMS Career Fair:**

This career fair provided a platform for students to connect directly with industry professionals, explore various training programs, and gain insights into the diverse career paths available. From engaging discussions to hands-on demonstrations, participants were equipped with valuable knowledge and resources to pursue their aspirations in serving and protecting their communities. The success of this event underscores our commitment to providing students with opportunities for meaningful career development and personal growth.

### **Social Science Career Fair:**

Students were able to learn about job opportunities, internships, volunteering & ongoing educational opportunities in the social sciences.

### **Career Fair:**

This event featured a diverse array of employers from various industries, offering full-time, part-time, apprenticeship, and internship opportunities. Employment options spanned across fields such as Medical & Dental Assisting, Sales, Marketing & Finance, Law Enforcement, HVAC & Facilities Maintenance, Warehouse & Merchandising, Administrative & Human Services, Education, Engineering Graphics Technology, Radiologic Technology & Sonography, Information Technology, and beyond. Students had the chance to explore a wide range of career paths and engage with potential employers, paving the way for future opportunities.





## PTK Spring Introduction Ceremony

We celebrated academic excellence at our Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Spring Introduction Ceremony! Congratulations to all the new members who joined our prestigious PTK family. It was an evening filled with inspiring speeches, recognition of achievements, and the joy of connecting with fellow students.



## CCCS Student and Employee Awards

The Colorado Community College System honored exceptional students at their Student Excellence Awards. The following week, we hosted our first Student Award Ceremony to celebrate the dedication and hard work of our outstanding students.

Congratulations to:

Inclusive Excellence Champion - Xavier Bolden

Rising Stars Awards - Diego Saenz and Gisele Yellow Eagle

Phi Theta Kappa All-Colorado Academic Team - Nicholas Betz and Misty Johnson





At the sixth annual Commitment to Excellence Awards ceremony, hosted by the Colorado Community College System (CCCS), we celebrated our Employees of the Year:

- Administrator: Elizabeth Ponce Gonzalez
- Classified: Christine Najera
- Faculty: Adam Forland
- Instructor: Julie Papke



## Development Day

Red Rocks Community College hosted its annual Spring Development Day, focusing on enhancing educational practices. The Academic Affairs faculty and staff devoted the afternoon to assessment, showcasing various program assessment posters for attendees to peruse. Additionally, a panel discussion highlighted the diverse applications of AI within the classroom setting and an informative active shooter training session.



## Open House

We organized our Spring Open House to assist prospective students in applying and registering for classes. Workshops were set up to provide guidance on financial aid and academic advising. Various programs also set up tables to offer information and guidance to help students choose a major.



## Donors Luncheon

The annual Donors Luncheon brought students and donors together to celebrate and hear the incredible stories of how scholarships helped RRCC students in their educational journey.