

President's Report: Dr. Michele Haney

November 2023

Transform the student experience.

- The Humanities Extravaganza took place on Monday 11/6 and Tuesday 11/7 from 12-3 in The Great Hall and Grays/Torreys. Each day, there was two 50-minute tag team talks starting at 12:10 and 1:40. These talks are presented by teams of instructors on topics of popular interest.
 - Monday 11/6 12:10-1:00 Sleep/Awake
 - Monday 11/6 1:40-2:30 Artificial Intelligence and Ethics
 - Tuesday 11/7 12:10-1:00, Why Does Merengue Sell Tickets at Coors Field?
 - Tuesday 11/7 1:40-2:30 Existential Crisis Barbie: The Doll That Broke the Mold
- The Extravaganza is primarily a student retention effort. There will be food, music, and activities in the Great Hall as well as the opportunity to interact with instructors and advising. Students that attend a talk can enter a raffle to win one of two \$500 tuition vouchers. There will be a drawing on both days. We encourage all instructors to bring a class to one of the tag team talks.

Transform our own workforce experience.

- PA Graduation was Saturday November 11 and RRCC graduated 31 wonderful Physician Assistants who are now ready to enter the workforce!



Students have worked on a variety of projects this year in the IDEA Lab at Red Rocks. During the Spring 2023 semester, some IDEA Lab students partnered with the Vertical Skills Academy, a middle school that specializes in teaching students with dyslexia. RRCC students visited the Vertical Skills Academy and led a coding and modeling activity to create a game similar to sharks and minnows through a program called Starlogo Nova. Within the activity, IDEA Lab students taught skills related to coding as well as content-specific topics like predator-prey relationships and the effects of these populations interacting with each other.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.



Currently, students are working in the IDEA Lab on projects for upcoming theatre shows, the Research and Design Expo, robotics teams, and our Space Grant teams. Our students have partnered with Cheryl Brodzinsky, Gale Gober, and Kelly-Jo Eldredge to create a water pump and drain system for an upcoming play, aiming to create the look of rain inside a telephone booth. Meanwhile, students have created projects to prepare for the upcoming Research and Design Expo in early

December. The RRCC robotics team is attempting to create an autonomous vehicle and prepare for the Robotics Challenge hosted by COSGC. Our Rock Sat-X team is conducting experiments on possible methods for making concrete in space, while our DemoSat team is experimenting with seeds at higher altitudes to study the effects that UV radiation exposure and growth hormones may have on plant growth back on Earth. As we approach the holiday season, our Space Grant Club is connecting with our community through toy drive donations as well.

- **CCCS Announced Three Finalist in Red Rocks Community College Presidential Search:**

They are:

Morgan Phillips, Vice Chancellor for Academic Excellence, Pima Community College; **Landon Pirius**, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Colorado Community College System; and **Rebecca Woulfe**, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Front Range Community College.

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

- **Red Rocks Community College Hosts Flag-Raising Ceremony to honor our Veterans. LAKEWOOD, CO** - Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) is proud to announce its special Flag-Raising Ceremony in honor of Veterans Day. The event took place on Thursday, November 9, 2023, and paid tribute to the brave individuals who have served our country. The ceremony was followed by a cake reception, bringing the community together to show gratitude and support for our veterans. RRCC is committed to recognizing and celebrating the contributions of our nation's veterans. We are honored to host this ceremony to show our appreciation for the sacrifices and dedication of our veterans. This event reflects our commitment to supporting our veteran students and creating a strong sense of community.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2023

Time: 11:00am

Location: Red Rocks Community College (Lakewood Campus)

Ceremony: The ceremony will commence at the East Entrance where event participants will be led to the flagpole, accompanied by bagpiper Michael Lancaster. There will be a moment of silence, raising of the American flag, and the playing of Amazing Grace by our musician.

Reception: Immediately following the ceremony, attendees are invited to the Great Hall for a cake reception. The event was open to the public, and all were encouraged to attend.

Other News:

- Congratulations to **Adam Forland**, Math Faculty, for being selected by his peers as the new **Outstanding Faculty of the Year!**
- Congratulations to **Christina Najera**, Facilities, for being selected by her peers as the **Outstanding Classified of the Year!**
- Congratulations to **Elizabeth Ponce**, Case Manager • Student Outreach & Recruitment, for being selected by her peers as the new **Outstanding ATP of the Year!**
- Also, we have:
Nora Hebert, Arvada Full-time Instructor of the Year
Julie Papke – Arvada Part-time Instructor of the Year
Toni Nicholas – Lakewood Full-time Instructor of the Year
Teresa Dickinson – Lakewood Part-time Instructor of the Year
These were all selected by students at RRCC.