



President's Report: Dr. Michele Haney June-July 2021

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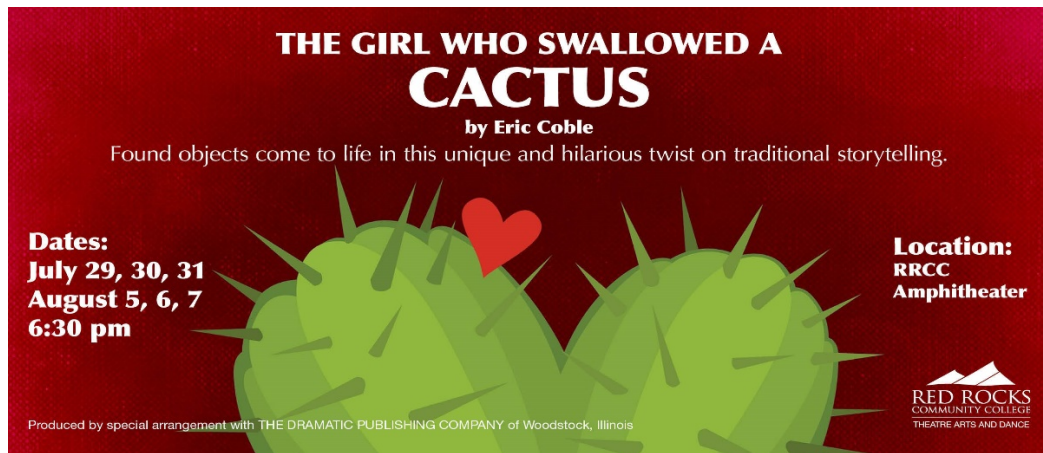
EDsmart Ranks Red Rocks #12

According to Edsmart.org, Red Rocks Community College has earned a place in the top 20 best colleges and universities in Colorado for 2020-2021. EDsmart evaluates institutions based on cost, academic quality, student satisfaction, and salary after attending. All of these four data points are ranked with equal weight and come from the U.S. Department of Education websites - [College Scorecard](#) and [College Navigator](#). Schools receive a weighted overall score with 100 being the highest score possible. The aim is to “help students assess the affordability and value of top colleges in Colorado so they can make informed decisions about which college to attend.”

- Here's how Red Rocks ranked:
- **Score: 93.8**
- Average Net Price: \$16,204
Retention Rate: 64%
Salary After Attending: \$66,200
- Read the full [article at Edsmart.org with the best colleges in Colorado](#) here.

Red Rocks students participate in launching payloads as part of the Colorado Space Grant.

After being developed via a virtual learning experience, more than 70 experiments built by university students across the United States are ready for flight on NASA suborbital flight vehicles, set to launch on June 25th. “Conducting the workshop virtually presented many challenges. However, everyone involved stepped up to the plate to make this a successful program,” Koehler said. This year RockOn! had 102 participants. Colorado Space Grant sent the participants the materials needed to participate in the workshop and build their experiments. The participants then shipped their experiments to Colorado for checkout and integration. A team from Colorado then delivered the experiments to Wallops for the launch. <https://www.nasa.gov/wallops/2021/feature/student-experiments-to-blast-off-from-nasa-wallops>



RRCC TO PRESENT *THE GIRL WHO SWALLOWED A CACTUS*

- The RRCC Theatre Arts and Dance Department will present *The Girl Who Swallowed a Cactus* at the outdoor pavilion at Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood Campus, on July 29, 30, 31 and August 5, 6, 7 at 6:30 p.m. This production is produced by special arrangement with THE DRAMATIC PUBLISHING COMPANY of Woodstock, Illinois. The script was written by Eric Coble.
- Audience members may bring blankets, camp chairs, and picnics to join us on the beautiful lawn at the amphitheater pavilion for this 45-minute fantastical show for all ages. Puppets emerge from a real junkyard on stage to help our narrator, Dust Cloud, tell the story. All puppets in the show have been created from recycled materials by the innovative puppet artist Penny Benson and RRCC students.
- Tickets are free (donations appreciated). Reservations may be made through this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4dadac22a1fa7-thegirl1>. To read the full news release, click here for the [Girl Who Swallowed A Cactus](#).

Red Rocks supports a Denver Pride 5K race Team

We created a team RRCC Rainbow Red Foxes to run on June 26th. All levels of participants are welcomed. RRCC provided 15 sponsorships available for the first 15 students who want race. After the 5k we will be going to The Center on Colfax. June 26th 11 AM to 5PM: There will be a mini-festival featuring food trucks, exhibitors, a DJ and rooftop entertainment! You can find more information on Denver Pride events on their website.



RRCC MAKES CAMPUS PRIDE'S 2020 BEST OF THE BEST LGBTQ-FRIENDLY CAMPUSES

Campus Pride named Red Rocks Community College as one of the “Best of the Best” colleges and universities across the nation based on their overall ratings on the Campus Pride Index and specific LGBTQ-inclusive benchmark measures. In order to earn this recognition, an institution has to score the highest percentages in the LGBTQ-friendly factors for policies, programs, and practices. The Campus Pride Index currently scores more than 400 campuses and is the premier national benchmarking tool which self-assesses LGBTQ-friendly inclusion. The tool is online at CampusPrideIndex.org and is supported by the Campus Pride Q Research Institute for Higher Education. Click on this link for the [specific details about RRCC.](#)

RRCC Student Photography Exhibit

Our [#RRCCVAMA](#) gallery is up from June 14th - August 13th between 9a-5p at 1101 W Mineral, Littleton, CO. Come support our students! New Exhibit as part of the Featured Artists Program, with a slide show of the exhibit catalog here: <https://docs.google.com/.../2PACX.../pub...>

Student Life Summer Events

Student Life is keeping busy this summer with offerings for students to include:

Ongoing: Looking for Esports participants

Ongoing: Food Banks open on Lakewood and Arvada campuses

Ongoing: The Daily Dispatch news updated at <https://www.rrcc.edu/student-life>

July 14: Ice Cream Social on the patio

July 21: Movie Night featuring *Raya and the Last Dragon*

August 12: Virtual Fall Welcome Night

August 17: In Person Fall Welcome Night

International Student Services

International is going through the recertification to reopen the passport services which have been closed since early 2020.

New Student Orientations in July

All four Fridays in July we will be holding a hybrid New Student Orientation. Each Friday a virtual session and an on-campus experience will be offered. Students are encouraged to participate in one of each and they don't necessarily need to be on the same day. Students coming to the on-campus experience will get a tour and a swag/info bag.

Assessment Center

Since June first through August 31st, possibly longer, the assessment center is offering a CLEP test special. Buy one CLEP test and get the second one for half price. This special is being offered through the College Board. <https://clep.collegeboard.org/>

Marketing and Communications

- As we have not been all together for many months, the Marketing department started a couple new series. Every Friday we get to meet an RRCC employee through "Who's that Fox?" which includes a picture, a brief employee statement and answers to questions like "If you could open a museum, what would it contain?"
- President Michele Haney has been recording a series of videos called "Messages from Michele". See Episode 2 here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5b-VWcVKoA>
- A new campaign is being rolled out for Fall "Your Next Steps Matter". One has a message for the general student population and one is directed at workforce.

Physician Assistant Program White Coat Ceremony

On Friday, July 16th, 2nd year PA students receive their white coats. Applications for the next cohort of PA students is open now.

Transform our own workforce experience.



RRCC Named #1 Medical Assistant School

MedicalAssistantAdvice.com has awarded Red Rocks Community College the top spot on their list of “Best Medical Assistant Programs in Colorado for 2021.” Medical Assistant Advice has been serving medical assisting students and professionals since 2012. As stated on their website, “Completing your medical assisting training from one of the top medical assistant schools in Colorado can help you graduate with the skills and knowledge that are currently in demand with local employers. Red Rocks Community College is committed to providing professional training that translates into suitable placements soon after graduation.” To read the full article, go to medicalassistantadvice.com/schools/colorado/

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

- RRCC enhanced its partnership with Colorado School of Mines by updating the Transfer Agreement to include the new CCCS Associates in Engineering Science (AES) for articulation with the Colorado School of Mines.
- RRCC became one of 10 pilot community colleges to host a student chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) to expand industry partnerships and student benefits to engineering transfer students. The pilot will help the professional society best learn how to engage community college students in ASME.
- The IDEA Lab co-hosted a STEM Summer Camp with Jeffco 4-H Program for middle school students by organizing and teaching engineering and robotics.
- Engineering Academy with School of Mines: Course by course for a junior transfer. Same syllabus, same instructors.
- Rocky Mountain Workforce Development/OSHA moving toward more credit offerings
- Teaching and Learning Center for faculty and staff professional development

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



POLIS SIGNS TWO BILLS AT ARVADA CAMPUS

In June, Governor Jared Polis signed six state stimulus bills in ceremonies around the Denver metro area, including two at the Red Rocks Community College's Arvada campus. The first – House Bill 1104 – extends the licensing period for educators from five to seven years. Polis also signed House Bill 1149, that directs a number of state agencies to develop career pathways for the energy sector. Governor Polis is pictured here with students from the Physician Assistant (PA) program. Click here to read the full article: **[Polis signs six state stimulus bills.](#)**

Hero Award Winner



Josh Perl

Student awarded full 60 credit scholarship to RRCC

Hero Award winner Josh Perl received from [@JeffcoSchoolsFn](#) a \$1000 education award & new Chromebook, also a full 2-year 60 credit scholarship to attend [@rrccedu](#) to continue his degree in Fire Science that he started at [@WarrenTechJPS](#)
Congratulations Josh!

Other News



RRCC welcomes Dr. Beverly Clark III, VP Academic Affairs

Dr. Beverly Clark, III has been named the new Vice President of Academic Affairs/Chief Academic Officer at Red Rocks Community College. He has worked in higher education for eighteen years as an administrator, professor, and researcher. Beverly is an advocate for equality and has diligently worked to create and support diverse and inclusive educational environments.

“I am excited about joining the executive leadership team at Red Rocks Community College,” says Beverly. “Red Rocks Community College is a leader in academic excellence and strives to help students meet their career and educational goals. The College understands the importance of diversity and inclusion and diligently works to create diverse and inclusive learning environments that enhance the student experience and provides innovative, educational opportunities. I look forward to working with students, faculty, staff, and the local community to uphold the mission, vision, and values of the College.”



Employee Appreciation Brunch

Red Rocks Community College recognizes all of 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 Brunch. Who played games while enjoying food made by Food Services.



Originally known as Decoration Day, in the years following the Civil War, General John A. Logan formally launched the holiday to be observed on May 30. The date was selected because it wasn't the anniversary of any battle in particular. The holiday was celebrated by "decorating" the graves of fallen soldiers with flowers, flags, and more, hence the name "Decoration Day." In 1971, it became Memorial Day, a national holiday and is now celebrated on the last Monday in May. *"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land."*
 - General John A. Logan



RRCC Employee Nominated for an Emmy Award

Congratulations to Red Rocks employee Polina Sarana for the nomination she received from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) for an Emmy Award. The award recognizes her work on a video profiling Denver artist Koko Bayer and her extraordinary artistry connected to COVID-19. Polina started her journey at RRCC as an international student, eventually joining the Marketing and Communications staff as a part-time videographer and photographer. “She is an extraordinary artist with an exceptional ability to tell the human story in visual form. We are so fortunate that she is a member of our RRCC community,” said Wren Barnes, Director of Marketing and Communications. Read the article and watch the nomination video at: msmayhem.com/inside-the-art-of-koko-bayer/.