



FRCC March 2025 Board Report

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Transform the student experience.

Students Showcase Design Skills in Real-World Project

For five years running, students in FRCC's [multimedia graphic design program](#) have gotten the opportunity to help design Mental Health Colorado's annual report. This year student Juliana Cardona designed the [non-profit's annual report](#) with guidance from staff member Sara Kimbrough (also an FRCC alumna) and program chair Blake Welch.

MHC President & CEO Vincent Achity has once again given a glowing review to the FRCC team. "Sara and Juliana brought our ideas to life with creativity and skill, far surpassing our expectations. We really appreciated their talent and professionalism during the process. We were so impressed (as always) with the final result."



FRCC Journals Win Top Honors

FRCC's two student literary and art journals have each won several awards again this year. This recognition honors the great work that our student artists, writers and editors put into these publications. They are also a testament to the dedicated support our faculty advisors give to the students to help them produce such high-quality publications.

Howl Volume 9 – Westminster Campus Student Literary and Art Journal

American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA):

- First Place

Community College Humanities Association (CCHA):

- Best Magazine: Third Place, Southwest Region
- Best Artwork: First Place "As the World Falls Down" by Sara Kimbrough

National Council of Teachers of English:

- Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines—Superior Award



Plains Paradox – Boulder County Campus Student Literary and Art Journal

American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA):

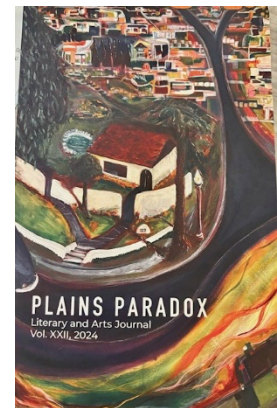
- First Place

Community College Humanities Association (CCHA):

- Best Magazine: Second Place, Southwest Region
- Best Artwork: Second Place "CJ" by Caroline Behnke.
- Best Artwork: Third Place "Handy Study" by Robyn Eubanks

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Recognizing Excellence in Art and Literary Magazines (REALM):

- Superior Award



Transform our own workforce experience.

AI Academy for Instruction

In collaboration with FRCC's Teaching Excellence Center, Instructional Coach Matt Stilwell has created a new Artificial Intelligence Academy for Instruction. It provides faculty and instructors the opportunity to build AI statements, redesign assignments for their courses, discuss equity, and explore AI tools for students and teachers.

In alignment with our value of teaching excellence, the goal behind this training is to continue evolving our pedagogy and curriculum to meet the literacy and technology needs of students. Participants spend approximately 25 hours of work as part of the academy.

In addition to AI-focused workshops, FRCC's Teaching Excellence Center has a strong line-up of other exceptional professional learning opportunities designed to inspire, empower and support our faculty and instructors.

FRCC Hosts 2025 CoRAC Conference on Assessment Best Practices



Front Range Community College welcomed higher education professionals from across Colorado for the 2025 Colorado Regional Assessment Conference (CoRAC), a one-day event exploring best practices in assessment to enhance student success and institutional effectiveness.

The conference featured keynote speaker Dr. Nassim Ebrahimi, who delivered *Recalibrating the Compass: Aligning with Purpose to Detangle Assessment*. She emphasized how assessment, when purposefully aligned, can illuminate success, foster equity, and drive continuous improvement. Without clear direction, however, it can become overwhelming and disconnected from meaningful change. Her keynote encouraged institutions to recalibrate their assessment practices to remain mission-driven, student-centered, and actionable.

Interactive breakout sessions, many of which were led by FRCC faculty and staff, provided deeper dives into topics such as enhancing student experiences through continuous process improvement, data-driven decision-making, and equity in assessment. The event also offered valuable networking opportunities, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing among professionals.



As the host institution, FRCC was honored to facilitate these critical conversations and advance assessment practices in higher education.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

FRCC & Emily Griffith Partner for Student Success

Front Range Community College has partnered with [Emily Griffith Technical College](#) in Denver to create a seamless transfer pathway for students in [automotive service](#) and [welding technology](#) programs. This collaboration makes it easier for students to transfer from Emily Griffith to FRCC, offering our students more opportunities for career advancement in these high-demand industries.

This new articulation agreement allows students to transfer credits earned at Emily Griffith directly into an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in either program at FRCC. By streamlining the transfer process, students can save time and money, reduce redundant coursework, and gain access to additional credentials that enhance their employability.

For students looking to continue their education and increase their earning potential, this pathway creates a bridge from technical training to degree completion, opening doors to higher-paying roles, leadership opportunities and lifelong career growth. Our partnership with Emily Griffith also strengthens workforce development in Colorado by providing students a clear, structured path from technical training to a degree. This ensures students have the skills, credentials and industry connections needed to thrive in the job market.

By leveraging the strengths of both institutions, this collaboration supports students in gaining the hands-on experience and advanced education necessary to excel in both industries. Employers benefit as well, with a more skilled and credentialed workforce ready to meet industry demands.

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

Dental Hygiene Accreditation

Front Range Community College has received accreditation approval to launch a groundbreaking [dental hygiene program](#) in Northern Colorado. The new Associate of Applied Science degree will help students quickly prepare for high wage careers in a booming field. FRCC was able to develop its new dental hygiene program thanks to a major grant from [Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation](#) and the Colorado Health Foundation.

As one of only a handful of dental hygiene programs in the state, FRCC's new program will help address an ongoing shortage of registered dental hygienists in Colorado. Increasing capacity in this career pathway will help ensure that more Coloradans are able to prioritize their oral health, ultimately lessening overall health inequities that persist for different communities and demographics in rural and urban areas in the state.

FRCC recently completed an expansion of its Larimer Campus dental clinic—thanks, in part, to a generous grant from the [Colorado Health Foundation](#). The project added 10 new dental operating units, a sterilization room, dentist's office and storage bays. The grant funding also allowed for the addition of new state-of-the-art handheld dental equipment to ensure students get the hands-on training they need to be successful in the dental field. The new program will be co-located with the college's pre-existing CODA-accredited [dental assisting program](#).