

President's Report: Dr. Michele Haney September 2022

Transform the student experience



- **RRCC Theatre Arts and Dance Department to Produce Two Short Plays**
- Lighting Martha a play by Carolyn Gage and Dreamers, Screamers & Believers a live radio show by Ian Watson
- The Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) Theatre Arts and Dance Department will present *Lighting Martha* a play by Carolyn Gage and *Dreamers, Screamers & Believers* a live radio show by Ian Watson on September 15, 16, and 17 at 7 PM at the RRCC Theater. Both shows are directed by El Armstrong.
- At first glance, these two short plays (less than an hour each) seem to have little in common, but both explore what it is to live a meaningful life and how to navigate death—one in a very serious way; the other with a healthy dose of humor.

- *Lighting Martha* explores the final days of the life of legendary lighting designer Jean Rosenthal and her long-time relationship with Miki (Marion) Kinsella. The play opens in April 1969, after the final dress rehearsal for Martha Graham's 35th season at the City Center in New York, which Jean attended, just days before she died of cancer. "Lighting affects everything light falls upon. How you see what you see, how you feel about it, and how you hear what you are hearing. Replace the 'a' with an 'e' and you get lighting effects!" -Jean Rosenthal

Dreamers, Screammers & Believers is a wonderfully silly take on the afterlife. It's not heaven; it's not hell. Think of it as karma



Students joined our Barbells and Brunch event where they met with our certified. Personal Trainer and fitness team for this fun and educational event to enhance their overall wellness. During this event, they learned proper technique and form for a number of exercises that build muscle strength and endurance. Our staff will introduce them to weight lifting equipment and assisted as. After the workout, all participants enjoyed brunch items outside on the patio.



The Red Rocks Adventure Program hosted two trips on this weekend where SRC Student Trip Leaders helped guide a group of students on two awesome experiences. The first trip was a 14er day trip on Mt Sherman. The students were provided with an opportunity to hike one of Colorado's great 14,000-foot mountains. Students learned how to properly prepare, plan, and execute a hike in the alpine environment. The second trip was a rock-climbing trip to Staunton State Park. Students were provided with an opportunity to learn the nuances of

outdoor rock-climbing techniques, systems, and safety procedures. Both trips had 6 participants.



The SRC Sport Program hosted a 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament. There were 6 teams that participated in this fun-filled event.



RED ROCKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP FROM PHI THETA KAPPA

Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) student, Alyssa Brown, has been named an Oberndorf Scholar by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has received a \$1,000 scholarship. Alyssa is studying Integrative Health Professions at RRCC.

The Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarship helps Phi Theta Kappa members overcome unanticipated financial barriers preventing the completion of their first college credential, associate degree, or certificate.

Phi Theta Kappa awards up to 15 of the Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholarships annually, with scholars selected each year in the fall and spring. Alyssa is one of eight students selected internationally to receive the award. "I've witnessed programs like PTK continue to emerge from the COVID era with renewed energy," says Dr. Armando "Mundy" Burciaga, Dean of Students at RRCC. "Celebrations and stories of overcoming obstacles build that hopeful and excited energy by showing students we are returning stronger and that earning their education is still possible!"

Honors Program at Red Rocks Community College



Fall 2022 Application is now open: June 1st - Sept 1st 2022! (Program Started in Sept.)

Providing exceptional opportunities for learning and development for our exceptional students. Developing Community Leaders through interdisciplinary research. Promoting Equity and access in Honors education.

Transform our own workforce experience.

- **Revitalizing Colorado's healthcare workforce with zero-cost, short-term training programs of community and technical colleges.** Care Forward Colorado is revitalizing Colorado's healthcare workforce through zero-cost, short-term training programs at community and technical colleges. In a year or less, trainees can learn skills to become a certified nursing assistant, emergency services professional, and many more professions that are desperately needed in Colorado's healthcare facilities. Why Healthcare? Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, Colorado faced deep shortages in entry-level health care positions. By 2023, phlebotomists and pharmacy technicians will grow by 38% and 24%, and general healthcare support jobs are projected to jump by 16%, according to data from the [Colorado Talent Pipeline Report](#). Care Forward Colorado will help the state rebuild its depleted healthcare workforce while providing zero-cost pathways that lead to living-wage, high-growth careers.

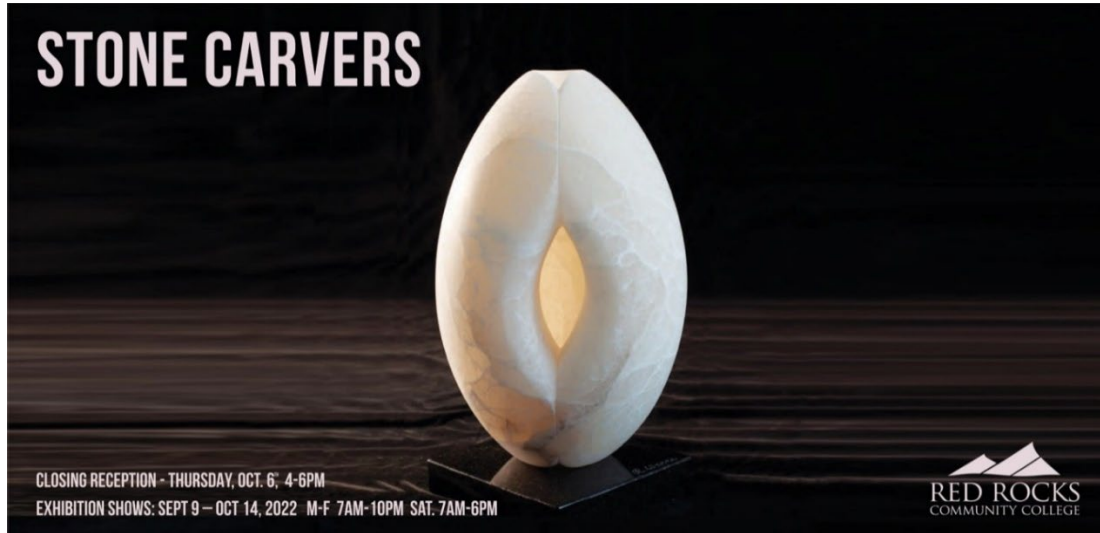
Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.



Heather Potters, RRCC Advisory Council member, co-founder and vice-chairman of Golden-based PharmaJet, shows off one of the company's injectors that delivers medicine without a needle. The World Health Organization chose a needle-free injection system developed by Golden-based PharmaJet Inc. to

deliver millions of polio vaccines to people in Pakistan. According to the WHO, Pakistan and Afghanistan remain the last two countries where polio is endemic. Immunization progress in Pakistan has been impeded because of vaccine hesitancy, as well as security risks and cultural and religious factors.

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



- **Stone Carvers Exhibition in the Art Gallery at RRCC**
- The ART Gallery at Red Rocks Community College is currently hosting a Stone Carvers exhibition. This exhibit was organized by Berndt Savig. Berndt is a full-time faculty in the Visual Arts Department at RRCC.
- This exhibition focuses on the Art of Stone Carving. The breadth and depth of work in the show is a testament to the remarkable skill and creativity required to carve stone. The common connection between the artists in the show is the Marble/marble Symposium which takes place every year in Marble, Colorado. Every stone carver (except one) in this exhibit is connected to the symposium as instructors or support staff. As a result, this exhibit reflects the regional stone carving community in Colorado and the beautiful qualities of Stone itself.
- This exhibit is on view from Sept. 9-Oct. 14 in the ART Gallery at Red Rocks Community College (Lakewood campus).
- There will be a closing reception on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 4-6pm. Please come visit the gallery and see the extraordinary work of these Stone Carvers. Find the gallery just inside the main entrance to the college.
- The SRC hosted RecFest to celebrate the beginning of the semester and highlight all of the SRC programs. The event featured: group fitness demonstrations, climbing wall challenges, a build-your-own trail mix bar, fitness floor orientations, other RRCC resources and more. The SRC had over 50 participants in the event.
- The SRC hosted two Salsa & Salsa events to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Students were encouraged to try different types of salsa while also taking part in a Salsa-style Zumba class. (SRC Zumba instructor, Julie Capp)



- **2022 Vocational Program Rankings: Health Diagnostics**

The *Washington Monthly* is the first and only publication to rank America's best colleges for vocational certificates. To build the rankings, we pulled numbers for the ten most common undergraduate certificate programs from the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard dataset. For each program, we rank colleges according to the median earnings of their students one year after graduation. For informational purposes, we also show the median federal student loan debt and a debt-to-earnings ratio.



Click [here](#) for a more detailed

explanation, [here](#) for all of our other rankings, and [here](#) to download the full vocational certificate data set. <https://washingtonmonthly.com/2022-college-guide/vocational-rankings-health-diagnostics/>

Rank	Name	Median debt of graduates	Median Annual earning	Total debt as a % of annual earnings
	BEST			
1	Red Rocks Community College (CO)*	9042	87754	10%
2	Loma Linda University (CA)	20436	85779	24%
3	College of Eastern Idaho (ID)*	7203	82847	9%
4	Cabrillo College (CA)*	17394	73895	24%
5	Dallas College (TX)*	14602	72895	20%
6	Center for Allied Health Education (NY) ^o	14341	67832	21%
7	Western Suffolk BOCES (NY)*	13962	66649	21%
8	Hudson Valley Community College (NY)*	9475	65544	14%
9	Prince George's Community College (MD)*	8331	65182	13%
10	Mayo Clinic College of Medicine & Science (MN)	14811	64250	23%

Public ^o = **for-profit** Rank Name Median debt of graduates' Median annual earnings Total debt as a % of annual earnings; BEST: 1: Red Rocks Community College (CO)* 9042: 87754: 10%: 2 - washingtonmonthly.com

Other News:

Director of IT, Bill Cherrington was asked to become a member of the HP Community College Advisory Council. Bill stated that the innovations RRCC has with Cyber Security, Secure Code, and machine learning separates us from many other Junior and community colleges.