



**RRCC President's Report
Dr. Michele Haney
June - August 2009**

Community Connectedness:

Advising and Recruiting participated in the following recruitment/community events in June, July, and August 09:

- June 9:** Celebration of Excellent College Fair for Foster Children
 - June 19:** CCCS Student Services Conference at Johnson and Wales
 - June 25:** Native American Workforce College and Career Fair
 - July 1:** A seminar for 30 potential students in the medical field at St. Anthony's Hospital
 - July 6:** Spoke to 60 students in the Minority Engineering Program – 20 of them enrolled in RRCC for the fall
 - July 13:** Hosted a RRCC Orientation for Colorado School of Mines students attending here for the fall and transferring to CSM for the spring.
 - July 15:** Represented RRCC at the Jefferson County Human Services Education Fair
 - August 10 – August 21:** Held 8 RRCC 101 Orientations on the RRCC Campus
- **June 10:** Bruce Walthers, VP for Student Services, was the keynote speaker for the Arvada Chamber Monthly meeting
 - **June 11:** Kim Rein, Director of Marketing, graduated from **Leadership Jefferson County** with 28 other business leaders who went through the training program.
 - **June 11:** Michele Haney attended a meeting of **The Curmudgeons** at the Senior Resource Center in Evergreen to discuss community colleges.
 - **June 13:** RRCC hosted the **14th Annual Family Fire Muster**, sponsored by **West Metro Fire**. The event, which features family-focused fire and safety activities, drew more than 10,000 people to RRCC.
 - **June 16:** RRCC was a sponsor of the 2009 **KOOL Konzert at Fiddler's Green**, featuring Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago. RRCC had a table at the concert and featured guitars produced in the Fine Woodworking (Luthier) department. Visitors entered for a chance to win a \$1000 RRCC scholarship, which was announced on the stage between bands.
 - **June 24:** The **School-Age Child Care Program** held a **carnival** at the Multi-Purpose Field/Pavilion. Approximately 100 kids and volunteers played games and participated in face painting and other activities.
 - **July 10-12:** RRCC hosted the **5th Annual Relay for Life** of Lakewood. Twelve members of Alpha Kappa Sigma plus friends, family and PTK members from throughout Colorado participated raising

\$1500 dollars for the American Cancer Society. Additionally the team provided recycling during the all-night event and served popcorn during the midnight movies

- **July 24-26:** RRCC participated in the annual **Buffalo Bill Days in Golden**.
- **August 1:** RRCC partnered with Jefferson County's District Attorney's office to sponsor a **Consumer Safety Fair** on Campus. The event featured secured shredding, and workshops on credit, cyber safety, and consumer safety. Over 50 law enforcement agencies had booths at the event.
- **August 2-4:** RRCC presented the *Playwrights Showcase of the Western Region* and a *Boot Camp for Playwrights*. Over 500 participated in the event, which featured four days of original play readings followed by critical discussions led by theatre luminaries; workshops and panel discussions; and opportunities to network with professional playwrights, directors, producers, actors, educators, and other theatre artists.
- **August 8:** RRCC sponsored a booth at the **Lakewood Living Green Fair**, held at the Lakewood Wal-Mart. The community event featured sustainability programs and services such as recycling, water conservation, composting, and xeriscaping. RRCC promoted their Renewable Energy programs in wind and solar.
- **August 12:** The Marketing department launched the **newly designed RRCC web site**, www.rrcc.edu. The new site features an updated/modern look, new photography, improved navigation, and Flash elements.
- **August 13:** Michele Haney hosted a **New Employee Dinner** at her home for 35 new staff members and their guests.
- **August 17:** Michele Haney and her leadership team held an **All College meeting** to welcome back faculty and staff, provide updates/announcements, recognize outstanding employees, and kick off the 40th anniversary of RRCC.
- **August 20:** Michele Haney and Linda Yazdani, Coordinator English Language/Intercultural Services, hosted a group of educators from Japan, who are interested in an exchange program.

Learner Centered:

- **June 5:** Michele Haney joined leaders from other Colorado colleges for *Higher Education Trends and Forecasts*, a **panel discussion** at Colorado School of Mines for over 200 high school sophomores.
- **June 17:** Michele Haney participated in "*The Dr. is In*" Q&A forum for students
- **June 16:** Linda Crook served on a panel convened by the Department of Education to discuss simplification of the FAFSA
- **July 10:** Michele Haney attended the **Daniels Fund 2009 Gala Celebration** honoring the 2009 Class of Daniels Scholars.
- **July 29:** Emergency Medical Technicians graduation
- **July 29-31:** Michele Haney attended the **Mountain States President's Association** conference in Santa Fe, NM. The higher education conference included representatives from colleges in the states of CO, MT, ID, UT, AZ, NM, ND, and SD.
- **August:** The **RRCC Foundation** awarded 211 student scholarships in August, totaling \$305,000. Sixty volunteers spent three hours reviewing and scoring nearly 400 applications.

- **August:** The Foundation completed fiscal year '09 with \$650,000 in gifts and provided \$470,000 in support of students, faculty and staff back to RRCC.
- **August 18:** RRCC held Fall New Student Orientation. Over 2000 students/families attended to get tours and learn more about RRCC's programs and clubs. KOOL 105 provided 60s, 70s and 80s music and attendees enjoyed a free BBQ and family activities such as airbrush tattoos and balloon twisting.
- **August 18:** Michele Haney facilitated a forum called *Troubled Students in Troubled Times*
- **August 18:** The Red Rocks Community College Foundation Board has selected **Dr. Sherry Messina Dewald** as the **2009-2011 Teaching Chair** in recognition of her excellence in instruction. Her award totals \$22,500 over three years – a \$5,000 salary enhancement each year and \$2,500 per year for professional development.
- **August 21:** The RRCC **Physician Assistant (PA) Program** held their 10th graduation. The ceremony included a white coat ceremony and new student recognition.

Workforce Development:

- **June 2:** Red Rocks Community College was honored with a 2009 *Children's Champion Award* by Triad Early Childhood Council. The Council, formed under the Colorado State Legislation, is a partnership of public and private agencies, parents, and service providers who service young children and their families.
- **June 11:** The National Science Foundation's (NSF) **Advanced Technological Education Program** awarded a **grant** to Red Rocks Community College (RRCC) to sustain a green collar workforce. The award has been approved as a continuing grant for a period of three years, totaling \$850,000.
- **July 27:** RRCC received a new **grant from the Grainger Foundation** for \$30,000 to purchase classroom technology upgrades and solar display unit.
- **August 15:** RRCC Received a **WIRED Grant** for their Green Jobs Pathway Program. The money will help fund a hands-on solar and wind learning lab to prepare Jeffco students for Green Careers.
- **August 24:** Adam Redgrave, **RRCC student in the Energy Auditing Program, appeared with Governor Ritter** during the press event announcing the release of the Governor's Job's Cabinet Report. Adam comes to RRCC as a graduate of Veterans Green Jobs. Through the Jefferson County Workforce Center, Adam is completing an internship as the project manager of the Greening Lakewood Businesses Initiative, which has partnered RRCC student interns audit professionals to conduct energy audits of small commercial buildings.

News Coverage:

- Press releases generated the following mentions during the months of June, July and August:
 - 6/11 Mile High newspapers: "Things to do" calendar: Family Fire Muster in all papers
 - 6/18 Mile High newspapers: West Metro mention of RRCC in Lakewood paper
 - 6/24 Mile High newspapers/Your Hub: RRCC Receives *Children's Champion Award* for Child Care Programs
 - 7/16 Arvada Press: Student Angelina Gabaldon and Gateway program
 - 7/31 Your Hub: Grainger Foundation Donates \$30,000 to Support Technical Education
 - 8/15 Mile High newspapers: RRCC receives **WIRED Grant**