



Nicholas Alfonso

In his four years teaching science at PCC, Nicholas Alfonso has drawn praise from students about his commitment to helping them succeed through innovative teaching techniques, his office time availability and great communication skills. He teaches Biology, Physics, Chemistry, and Earth and Life Science and his enthusiasm is "contagious." In 2008, he received PCC's Shining Star award for going above and beyond. He chairs the Curriculum Committee, serves on the State Faculty Curriculum Committee and is co-advisor for Phi Theta Kappa. For several years, he has chaired the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Nicholas earned a Master of Science in Applied Natural Science from CSU-Pueblo.



Sherry Messina Dewald

Dr. Sherry Messina Dewald has served students at RRCC for more than 18 years. Besides chairing Communication Studies, she has been instrumental in establishing the first Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology program across the Colorado Community College System. Dewald is a vibrant educator who truly cares about her students, faculty and community. She serves as the state's Communications discipline co-chair and participates in the Rocky Mountain Communication Association, the Medical Assisting and Phlebotomy Advisory Board, the Academic Standards Committee and the Arvada Task Force. She also coordinates RRCC's speech competition and has provided numerous faculty seminars.



Jacqueline Bloink

Business and Health Science Instructor Jacqueline Bloink loves to teach. She gets great pleasure from teaching a skill/trade to people who also enjoy medicine from a non clinician angle. SJBTC proudly reports that 100 percent of her students from the past academic year are employed in the medical field. Bloink enjoys watching her students grow academically and become strong community participants. She earned a B.S. in Public Affairs Management-Health Care from Michigan State and holds many professional credentials in medical coding and reimbursement. Long term goals include golfing, skiing and traveling.



Robert Philbin

Professor Robert Philbin has taught Physics, Math, Computer Science and Astronomy at TSJC since 1991. After acquiring his B.S. in Engineering-Physics he earned a Master's degree from Princeton University in Astrophysical Sciences; Plasma Physics. Philbin emphasizes the relationship of energy to modern life. Favorite topics include solar power, human-powered transportation; fossil-fuel engines; and, alternative technologies. Philbin has built two low-energy use homes using solar photovoltaics and passive-solar-pueblo-design (one is completely off the grid). Philbin develops teaching software simulating the greenhouse effect, planetary atmospheres and Brownian motion.



Kathryn Winograd

Since joining ACC in 2003, Dr. Kathryn Winograd has championed online learning quality and served as faculty mentor to designing and developing online courses. She participated in WebCT's pilot to migrate, redesign and teach classes in the new learning system and has designed and facilitated faculty training sessions to spotlight online learning quality standards. She originated ACC's Writers Studio website and has created online English courses to meet the needs of adults. She is currently assisting CCCS with selecting a new online learning management system. Besides being a national online learning consultant, she is a nationally published author of two books and numerous articles delving into online teaching.

COLORADO COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM 

The Colorado Community College System comprises the state's largest system of higher education serving more than 107,000 students annually at 45 different campuses. Its career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges, career and technical programs in more than 176 school districts, and seven other post-secondary institutions serve students annually in 1,415 secondary and 770 postsecondary programs.

**State System Community Colleges**

- Arapahoe Community College
- Colorado Northwestern Community College
- Community College of Aurora
- Community College of Denver
- Front Range Community College
- Lamar Community College
- Morgan Community College
- Northeastern Junior College
- Otero Junior College
- Pikes Peak Community College
- Pueblo Community College
- Red Rocks Community College
- Trinidad State Junior College

**Local District**

- Community Colleges**
- Aims Community College
- Colorado Mountain College

**Area Vocational Schools**

- Delta-Montrose Technical College
- Emily Griffith Opportunity School
- Pickens Technical College
- San Juan Basin Technical College

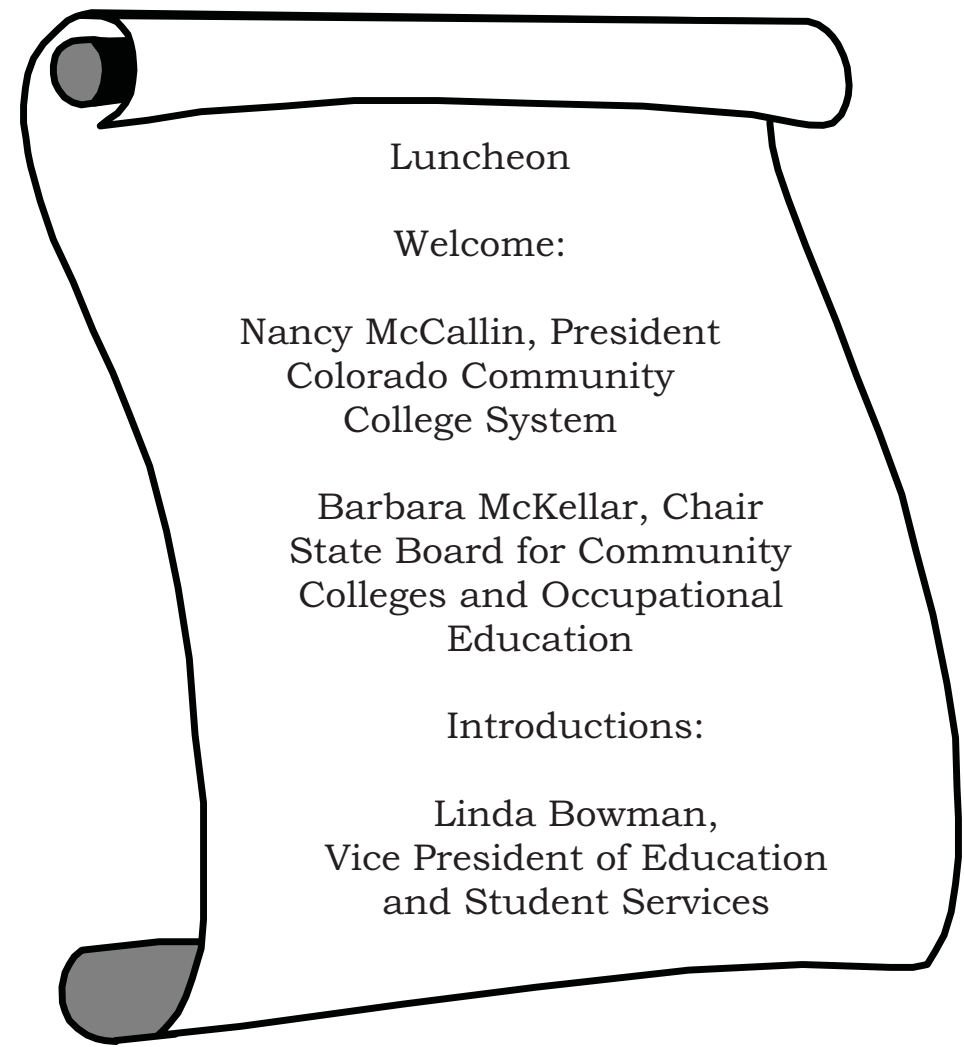


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2009

Recognition of Faculty



Luncheon

Welcome:

Nancy McCallin, President  
Colorado Community  
College System

Barbara McKellar, Chair  
State Board for Community  
Colleges and Occupational  
Education

Introductions:

Linda Bowman,  
Vice President of Education  
and Student Services

**“Education is not the filling of a pail,  
but the lighting of a fire.”  
William Butler Yeats**

Emily Griffith Opportunity School



Tim Inzano

Chef Tim Inzano started teaching Culinary Arts at EGOS in 1998 with 14 years of kitchen experience and a degree from the Culinary Institute of America. His dedication to student success has propelled hundreds of students to go on to productive careers. Inzano teaches every aspect of culinary arts from cooking methods, front of house to budget and sanitation. His students are prepared for the fast paced environment in any kitchen. Inzano operates a full service restaurant during the week where students get real life, hands-on training. His exceptional abilities are often showcased when he caters school-wide events.

Front Range Community College



Jennifer Stanton

Jennifer Stanton came to FRCC in 2004 as a mathematics instructor and went full-time in 2006. Prior to joining the FRCC staff, she taught middle and high school students for four years. Jennifer's commitment to professional development includes serving as a mentor to math instructors, exchanging classroom visits and giving lots of feedback to ensure continuous improvement. She has a vision involving the creation of a teacher training program and a passion for student retention and cultivating one-on-one relationships with students. Jennifer has a B.S. in Statistics and a Master of Arts degree in Cross-Cultural Teaching from National University.

Lamar Community College



Jason Kravig

Horse Training and Management Instructor Jason Kravig graduated from Oklahoma Panhandle State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Ag Business and Agronomy. Parallel to his formal education, he has continued to gain experience and hone his horse training methods, learning over the years from world champion trainers. Kravig seeks continuous improvement for LCC's signature Horse Training and Management program and looks forward to this Spring when LCC's \$2 million construction project to renovate and expand its equine facility is complete. In his free time, Jason operates his own Horse Training business outside of Lamar with his family.

Morgan Community College



Kim Ewertz

Kim Ewertz has been an integral part of MCC for 12 years. Not only does she coordinate and teach the Health Science Technology program, Ewertz serves as advisor for post-secondary and secondary Health Occupations of America chapters. She has also been actively involved with developing new programs like Phlebotomy Technologies and Pharmacy Technician. Kim earned her B.S. in Nursing and then a M.S. in Education from Walden University. With genuine interest, humor, optimism and a patient caring attitude, her teaching style incorporates fun, realism, team scenarios and competitions. Kim serves as a new faculty mentor, Curriculum Committee Chair and Faculty Senate Secretary.

CACTE Teacher of the Year



Nancy Meiklejohn

Pikes Peak Community College Computer Information Systems Instructor Nancy Meiklejohn has been actively involved in Career and Technical Education for more than 27 years. With a Master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from CU-Colorado Springs, she is well-liked and respected by students and colleagues for her cheerful "can do" attitude. Her student and supervisor evaluations attest that she is an excellent teacher and a wonderful example of what a dedicated CTE educator can achieve to better the lives of many. She served as Colorado's representative at the 2008 ACTE National Policy Seminar and is currently serving as Interim Secretary for CACTE.

Aims Community College



Christine Gaudinski

Having been with Aims since 2007, students describe Chemistry Instructor Christine Gaudinski as wonderful, knowledgeable and approachable. Christine's passion and ability to make the subject matter interesting, both impresses and inspires her students to be successful by doing "a little bit more" than what is expected of them. Christine acquired her B.A. in Chemistry/Biochemistry from La Salle University and earned a M.A. in Chemistry from the University of Northern Colorado. She has completed post-graduate work at CSU. In her free time, Christine enjoys spending time in the mountains snowboarding, snowshoeing, hiking and backpacking.

Arapahoe Community College



Karin Blaske

Karin Blaske has served ACC since 1994 as a faculty member, Developmental Studies Chair and Academic Dean. She recently returned to her real love, the classroom, for one final year. Karin has the passion of a first-year teacher and the skill of a master teacher. Her students show enthusiasm for learning from the inspiration and motivation she imparts and they display growth in their academic skills. She has helped numerous ACC and CCCS committees and initiatives succeed. Karin has worked tirelessly to promote and continuously improve Colorado Developmental Education and last year received a statewide lifetime achievement award for her efforts.

Colorado Mountain College



Tal Hardman

Associate Professor of Communications and Composition Tal Hardman has taught at Colorado Mountain College since 2002. Hardman teaches difficult classes and makes them fun, interesting and thoughtful. In short, he brings the best out of his students. He approaches these and other new challenges with the same 100% effort that he gives to his classroom preparation, grading and committee work. He offers the rare combination of challenging students while holding them accountable for their own learning; making the class a favorite of students even though it may be the hardest one they are taking. One student explained, "Tal made my most hated and feared class fun and worthwhile!"

Northeastern Junior College



Mike Brownell

NJC alumnus Mike Brownell has been a quiet crusader for learning and achievement in the Agriculture Department since 1992. Recently named Professor of Soils/Agronomy, Brownell earned his B.S. in Vocational Agriculture. He provides many hands-on activities, even in classes that are usually limited to lectures. He often takes students off-campus to get their hands dirty and their brains engaged. If there is no lab or equipment available for an activity, Brownell simply takes them to his own farm to use his equipment, crops and chemicals. Students develop strong bonds with him and not only seek his wisdom and understanding about agriculture but also about life.

Colorado Northwestern Community College



Mark Patterson

A native Coloradan, Mark Patterson's career in dental hygiene began in 1969 as a Dental Technician in the U.S. Navy. He went on to pursue his career in the Army, then in private practice while finishing his Bachelor's degree in Allied Health Education at Southwest Texas State University. In 1984, he accepted a full-time faculty position and currently serves as the Program Director. CNCC is very grateful to Mark for a quarter-century of helping students succeed. A true history buff, Mark is also a news junkie and likes to explore the hills around Rangely on his motorcycle.

Otero Junior College



Barb Leininger

Barb Leininger joined OJC Mathematics faculty in 2003. The way she helps students learn courses such as "Math for Elementary Teachers" is exceptional. She manages the college's math lab and provides one-on-one instruction to students who come in for extra help. Leininger completed her B.S. and teaching endorsement in Math at the University of Wyoming. Prior to coming to OJC, Leininger taught local middle and elementary school students. Leininger and her husband, Dr. Zane Leininger, are part-owners of the Colorado Veterinary Clinic in La Junta. The couple and their two children live on a ranch south of town.

Community College of Aurora



Michael Levell

Michael Levell has taught English since 2006. Students say he instructs from the heart and is dedicated to teaching the best way possible. He energetically entices students to participate, is easy to talk to, creative, and intelligent in his classroom instruction. Students say he connects with them in a professional but relaxed manner. He is tough but fair with homework, however, he also has a great sense of humor. Levell's students are enthusiastic because of his passion for writing. Levell holds an MFA in writing and poetics from Naropa University. He teaches Composition I and II and also tutors in CCA's Writing Studio.

Pickens Technical College



Suzanne Acheson

Suzanne Acheson began teaching at Pickens Technical College in 1993. Her position in Math Instructional Support allows her to work with all of their instructors integrating math into their CTE programs while also helping them to implement best teaching practices. "It is richly rewarding," she says, "to help both students and their instructors." Acheson holds two Bachelor's degrees, one in Business Administration-Finance from CU-Boulder and the other in Mathematics from Metro State. In her free time, Suzanne and her family enjoy hiking, snowshoeing, camping, fishing, and other outdoor activities.

Community College of Denver



Claire Miller

Dr. Claire Miller is an Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biology with a passion for educational access and encouraging students to be the best they can. She actively serves CCD as: Accreditation Liaison; Faculty Council Secretary; Auraria Science Building Project Management Team member; and, as faculty representative on the Auraria board's Faculty Advisory Committee. Claire received her B.S. in Chemistry and then a Ph.D. in Pharmacology from Meharry Medical College. She also worked as a post-doctoral fellow at CU's Health Sciences Center. Dr. Miller believes all individuals should be granted access to higher education and success in their chosen pursuit.

Pikes Peak Community College



William Malone

William Malone began teaching Music at PPCC in 2001 and became Department Chair in 2002. He has an extensive background in education, having taught all ages in places such as Tufts University and Wellesley College. He is a nationally accomplished and record label-distributed musician who is exceptionally skilled in both academic and performance studies. After receiving his Bachelor of Music degree from Wichita State University he earned a Master of Music degree from the prestigious New England Conservatory. Soon he will receive a Doctorate of Music Arts. Malone is completing an Introduction to Music Theory textbook to be adopted by PPCC.

Delta Montrose Technical College



Johanna Roeber

Johanna Roeber, MSN, RN, FNP, has served as Nursing Coordinator at DMTC since 2005. She oversees the education process for the school's nursing programs, including its High School Medical Preparation Program, Adult Certified Nurse Aid Program, and Practical Nursing Program. She also teaches Medical Terminology, Dietary Nutrition, Basic Anatomy, LPN IV Therapy and Physiology. She earned her Master of Science in Nursing from CU in 1997 and has a Career and Technical Education Teaching Certificate as well as 33 graduate credit hours of Teaching Enhancement coursework. Previously, Roeber was a school district Health Services Coordinator and a hospital nurse.