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STATE STUDENT
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2009 Annual Rising Stars

April 8, 2009

Front Range Community College
Westminster Campus

Awards Program

Welcome and Introductions

Tumara “Marie” Steinbach
Vice Chair, State Student Advisory Council

Troy Smith
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Lunch

Enjoy!

Keynote Speaker

Lance Carl
Director of Student Outreach, College In Colorado

Presentation of Awards

President of the Year
Advocate of the Year
Rising Stars

Concluding Remarks

Student Life Development Council

Matt Bowman
Heather Lawler
Arapahoe Community College

Nikolai Wahl
Colorado Northwestern
Community College

Julie Johnson
Angie Tiedeman
Community College of Aurora

Jerry Mason
Tamara Johnson
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Pikes Peak Community College

Joel Zarr
Derrick Padilla
Pueblo Community College

Carolyn Mattern
Mark Squire
Red Rocks Community College

Charlene Duran
Genia Rasmussen
Trinidad State Junior College

Wendy Kilgore
Colorado Community College
System

Congratulations Rising Stars!

Keynote Speaker



Lance began as Director of Student Outreach with College In Colorado in April of 2006. In this position, Lance serves as the liaison to middle and high schools throughout the state to provide direct outreach to students, schedule and facilitate motivational presentations outlining the benefits of higher education and maximizes the services of the

Colorado High School Athletics Association. He also works with various civic groups and athletic organizations around the state promoting CollegeInColorado.org.

Prior to joining College In Colorado, Lance served as the Western regional scout for the Philadelphia Eagles, responsible for more than 60 universities. Lance brings more than 15 years of community outreach experience to his role as Director of Student outreach. He attended the University of Colorado, Boulder, in the mid-1980's as a student-athlete (football) and in 1988 signed a free agent contract with the Washington Redskins. He then returned to CU Boulder in 1990 to join the staff of the University of Colorado 1990 National Championship team. He has worked extensively as a counselor with at-risk youth and emotionally/physically abused children as well as coordinating the counseling agenda and outreach for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Boulder County. Throughout his career, Lance has relied on his college degree and today focuses on the importance of academic achievement and leadership for all students, regardless of their background, interests and future career choices.

Lance was born and raised in Fort Madison, Iowa. He is a 1983 graduate from Fort Madison High School and has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

In his spare time, Lance enjoys hiking, mountain biking, basketball, golf and coaching his sons' youth teams. He and his wife Jennifer have two sons, ages 9 and 4.

President of the Year



OJC.”

James T. Rizzuto, President of Otero Junior College, is a La Junta native and Otero Junior College graduate. President Rizzuto earned a Bachelor of Science degree in finance and economics from the University of Colorado. He holds a Master of International Management degree from the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management. In addition, he has studied at Cornell University in New York and at Harvard University's JFK School of Government in Massachusetts. President Rizzuto is often quoted as saying, “Of all my educational experiences, the very best occurred right here at

In 1982 President Rizzuto was elected to the Colorado State Senate, a position he held until 1998, stepping down due to term limits. During his 16 years in the State Senate, President Rizzuto was a member of the Joint Budget Committee for 12 years.

After leaving the state legislature and prior to assuming the presidency at Otero Junior College in 2001, President Rizzuto served on Colorado Governor Bill Owens' Cabinet as the executive director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Finance Administration.

Always a strong supporter of the Colorado Community College System, President Rizzuto was inducted into the Colorado Community College and Occupational Education System Alumni Hall of Fame in 1989. During his years in the state legislature he was named one of the 10 Outstanding State Legislators by the Denver Post and Colorado Business Journal.

President Rizzuto was named to a dual college presidency role in January of 2006, as he took the helm of Lamar Community College, in addition to Otero Junior College. He served in that capacity until July, 2008. He has served on several task forces since leaving the state legislature, including: the Governor's Task Force on Community College Efficiency, the Governors Task Force on Health Care, Multi-Use Technology, Small Business Development, International Trade, and the Advisory Committee on Higher Education.

Ben LaFalce

Ben LaFalce has a positive impact at Red Rocks Community College both as an employee and student leader. At the student life desk he has streamlined and organized several essential processes to ensure a high level of service to students. Ben's sense of responsibility has been contagious and has been a factor in improving the service provided by all student life employees. Ben is the editor of our student publication: The John Letter. Each week he produces this quality informational piece that is read by the entire college. He is also an active member of student government. Ben is chairing the committee for the 2009 Casino Night, the Student Voice's annual end-of-year student event. In March, Ben represented Red Rocks students at the Day at the Capitol. Ben joined our college president to learn about and discuss issues that affect higher education with legislators and policy makers. After completing his coursework at Red Rocks Community College, Ben plans to transfer to the University of Colorado Denver to earn a degree in business.

Trinidad State Junior College

Chris Turner

Chris Turner is a sophomore from Westminster, Colorado is the current Student Body President. He is a graduate from Standley Lake High School and was on the Golf and Swim Team compiling numerous awards for both sports and academics. Chris is currently on the Trinidad State Junior College golf team where he competed at the national level his freshman year. Chris attended the State Student Advisory Council leadership conference in the fall and will help run the career fair this spring.

Rebecca Nolan

Rebecca Nolan is currently a freshman at Trinidad State Junior College where both her mom and dad are employed. Rebecca is the current Student Government Secretary, a member of the student ambassador program, and was the Homecoming Princess. She was very active in high school participating in many organizations including an officer of student council, a member of students against destructive decisions, an officer of class government, a member of band, a yearbook editor, and an officer of the Future Business Leaders of America. She enjoys spending time with my family and friends, reading books, and watching movies.

Pueblo Community College

Frank Cowgill III

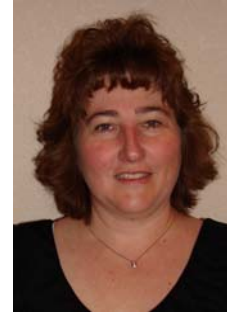
Frank has been involved for the last three semesters at Pueblo Community College and his commitment level has always increased. He started out as a club representative and was elected to the Committee Chair position on the executive board for Associated Student Government (ASG). He became the Chair for the newly implemented Student Activities Board (SAB) on campus and has demonstrated phenomenal leadership abilities in this role. Frank's involvement with ASG proved strong when he received the Senator of the Year award for the 2007-2008 academic year. Frank is an accomplished automotive technology major and medal winner in the Skills USA state and national level competition! Frank's potential and talents were recognized by Pueblo Community College and the automotive program as he was hired as an instructor on the Fremont Campus in Canon City. In his final semester, Frank is juggling his course load, ASG and SAB duties and driving to Canon City during the week to teach classes.

Red Rocks Community College

Angelina Gabaldon

Angelina is a positive and valuable role model. She has excellent leadership skills and demonstrates those skills daily while working for the College Gateway Program at Red Rocks Community College. Angelina has demonstrated dedication to her education by raising a family and working part-time while attending classes at Red Rocks Community College. She currently is holding a grade point average of 3.32. She is actively involved in the Red Rocks Community College Gateway Program, the R.O.C.K. Club (Red Rocks Outreach Community Klub), and volunteers work in the community caring for the elderly.

Advocate of the Year



Angie Tiedeman is the Director of Student Life and Student Conduct Officer at the Community College of Aurora. She holds additional roles as advisor of the Alpha Pi Pi chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and the co-advisor for the Student Government Association.

She serves on several committees: the chair for the Student Life Development Council, extenuating circumstance committee, tobacco task force, threat assessment, foundation scholarship and the graduation committee. Angie is a graduate of the Community College of Aurora.

She was one of the first AmeriCorps students at Community College of Aurora, where she was instrumental in the development and implementation of service learning program on campus. Angie's accomplishments during her five years at Community College of Aurora range from implementing, developing and managing student activities, the student food bank, health & wellness program, student orientation and providing support to various campus offices including admissions, advising and financial aid.

She received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Colorado.

Rising Star Award Recipients

Rising Star recipients are active student leaders who are taking at least nine credit hours and have a grade point average of at least 3.0.

The following biographies have been written and submitted by award recipients.

Arapahoe Community College

Angela Wissmueller

Angela Wissmueller is a non-traditional student pursuing her degree in English literature and writing. She loves to learn and hopes to teach at Arapahoe Community College in the future. She enjoys her work as the receptionist for the Writing Center and as a peer mentor in the Student Success Center. She is serving as Vice President of Leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, and is serving as President for the Writers Studio Student Club, the French Club, and the Great Books Student Club to develop her leadership skills and to share the programs and the advisors who continue to support her with other students.

Daniel Houck

Daniel Houck is working toward an Associate of Science degree at Arapahoe Community College. He is involved in Phi Theta Kappa as well as peer mentoring and tutoring. He earned a Great Books Achievement Certificate through Arapahoe's Great Books program and has written a computer application to help track students in that program. He currently has a 3.96 GPA. After graduating from Arapahoe Community College, he intends to go to a four-year college to major in computer science and/or mathematics.

Colorado Northwestern Community College

Darcey McQuiston

Darcey is a Colorado native living in Grand Junction. She graduated from Central High School where she participated in student government, student center, and PAC. At the age of 15, Darcey worked in a dental office and started on her path toward becoming a dental hygienist. She attended Colorado Northwestern Community College last year, taking the pre-requisite classes necessary to enter the dental hygiene program. Darcey is a work-study in the student services area, giving tours and helping with student registrations. While in her first year of the dental hygiene program, she has expanded her leadership role by accepting a position as a Resident Hall Assistant.

Pikes Peak Community College

Deborah McDonald

Deborah McDonald has been a full-time student at Pikes Peak Community College since summer 2007, and expects to graduate with both an Associate of Applied Science degree in natural resource technology and certification as an adventure guide. Both courses lay the groundwork for her plans to continue her studies in environmental education. She is also President of The Outdoor Club. In her non-academic life, she is a working artist, recently showing at the Colorado Springs Fine Art Center, and currently showing her photography at Catamount Institute. When not in the studio, or in class, she can be found wandering one of Colorado Springs numerous hiking trails, camera in hand.

Michael Pugh

Mike Pugh, 26 years old, is in his final year at Pikes Peak Community College. He will graduate with an Associate of Arts, and hopes to transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a Bachelor of Arts and eventually a Master of Arts. Mike is a first generation student. As an active participant in student activities and organizations, Mike has found a richness in higher education that he could not have expected. Mike Pugh is the current Student Government Secretary and Black Student Union President at Pikes Peak Community College. His passions include student service, foreign languages, and his family. Mike works tirelessly in the Student Disabilities Office and seeks to find more ways to better serve his peers. His goals include traveling and working as a foreign affairs officer. He always stands out in a crowd and can be counted on for support and guidance. His various contributions to Pikes Peak Community College are immeasurable and a sign of his bright future.

Northeastern Junior College

Dalton Hindmarsh

Dalton Hindmarsh is a freshman from Delores, Colorado. In high school he was a Future Farmers of America (FFA) member and active in 4-H. In 2007-2008 Dalton served Colorado as a FFA state officer. He traveled over 30,000 miles promoting agriculture and FFA to high schools. At Northeastern Junior College Dalton has a 3.8 GPA, is serving as Associated Student Government 2nd Vice President, a member of Collegiate Farm Bureau and Aggies. He plans on transferring to Colorado State University to pursue a degree in animal science. He hopes to one day be a veterinarian.

Samantha Sheets

Sam Sheets is a freshman from Otis, Colorado. She was very active in high school, participating in Family Career and Community Leaders of America, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council and drama club. She is currently studying psychology at NJC with the hopes of one day being a counselor. At Northeastern Junior College, Sam has a 3.65 GPA. She is very active as she serves as the State Student Advisory Council Representative, a resident assistant, a senator and a psychology club member.

Otero Junior College

Kendra Sutton

Kendra Sutton is a sophomore from Swink, Colorado. In high school, she was very active in drama, band, Family Career and Community Leaders of America, and FCA. She is pursuing a career in education with an emphasis in history. She hopes to one day teach in a small school. At Otero Junior College she serves in Associated Student Government and the State Student Advisory Council.

Milo Graham

Milo Graham is a freshman from Manitou Springs, Colorado. In high school he played football, basketball, and baseball. He is currently on the baseball team at Otero Junior College. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Green Team. Milo has a 3.5 GPA.

Community College of Aurora

E.L. Groves

E.L. has demonstrated a strong commitment to his educational goals. He actively recruits students to become involved in the Student Government Association, clubs and organizations. E.L. is a work-study for Community College of Aurora's security department. He always offers to help wherever and whenever needed. E.L. always has a positive attitude and a smile on his face. E.L. has participated in student government as the State Student Advisory Council Representative. He has also volunteered for the Office of Student Life's annual events including the Harvest Festival and holiday party where he played Santa.

Iris Jones

As a returning student who has raised four successful daughters, Iris lets nothing get in the way of her determination. Studying early childhood education, Iris's goal is to ensure that her grandsons' futures are bright and promising. She balances her classes and studies all while serving as a work-study employee in the Community College of Aurora library and as Student Government President. Within her first month as President, Iris has successfully negotiated to extend the Community College of Aurora library hours during finals week and has initiated a potential textbook lending program. She is a strong and dedicated student leader.

Community College of Denver

James Boyce

James Boyce is a student orientation leader and also a work-study employee for the Community College of Denver Recruitment, Call Center, and Welcome Center. He has endured a lot prior to being a student at the Community College of Denver. He has overcome drug addictions and homelessness. After a near death experience, it motivated him to put himself in a better situation. Now James is enrolled at the Community College of Denver full time taking 15 credit hours and has an outstanding 3.8 G.P.A. He volunteers as a student orientation leader to help prospective students get acclimated with the campus and assists them as much as he can. As a non-traditional, older returning student, James' life experiences in the "blue collar world" made him a spokesperson for both the opportunity that young people should take advantage of as well as a model for the never-lost opportunities of college for all ages. His personal integrity is the result of life experiences that most younger students have not yet had and his authenticity as a person are marks of his leadership.

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Alia Thobani

Alia is originally from South Africa, and she is actively involved in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity, as their residing president. She stepped into the role of Student Government Representative this spring. Alia has brought social issues that face her country and the world to the forefront of both organizations and Community College of Denver. Her experience in dealing with people of all nationalities, creeds and religions make her a shining example of a leader.

Front Range Community College—Boulder County**Eric Erickson**

Eric Erickson is a sophomore from Louisville, Colorado. At the Boulder County Campus, Eric currently serves as the President of Phi Theta Kappa and has previously served as the Vice President of Membership for Phi Theta Kappa. Eric was also awarded by Phi Theta Kappa to the Colorado All-State Academic Team and was nominated for the All-USA Team. He holds a 3.7 GPA and is incredibly active on campus. He is pursuing a degree in nursing.

Front Range Community College—Larimer**George-Ann Glynn**

George-Ann Glynn is currently a student in the rigorous Front Range Community College-Larimer Campus Nursing program. In addition to having a 4.0 GPA, she is currently the class treasurer for her nursing class, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a mentor for 1st semester nursing students, and a member of the student nursing association.

George-Ann received a scholarship with the Poudre Valley Health System and is guaranteed a job with them.

Front Range Community College—Westminster**Priscilla Carlson**

Priscilla Carlson started at Front Range Community College in the fall of 2007. Having just moved to Colorado and not being in school for many years, she decided to ease into college life with just one class. By spring of 2008, she was a full-time student, participating in work study, and joining extracurricular clubs on campus. She currently is the Student Government Association Secretary, writes for The Front Page newspaper, is a student ambassador, and an active member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Priscilla is also an advocate for people with disabilities and is focusing on a career in journalism.

Lamar Community College**Ogooluwa Adegboye**

Ogo is a native of London, England and is a strong believer of Jesus Christ. Ogo is currently a Resident Advisor in Todd-Burch Hall where his abilities are put to the test daily. An outstanding point guard on the Runnin' Lopes Basketball Team for the past two years, he led his team to the first Region IX title and a trip to the National Tournament. Ogo currently has a 4.0 GPA and plans on continuing his education and play point guard at another university. Ogo will graduate in May with his Associate of Science degree.

Uyanga Nergui

Uyanga was born in Ulaanbaator, Mongolia. She is an only child who moved to the United States in the fall of 2007 to attend Lamar Community College. She is a member of the Global Leadership Foundation which has a partnership with Lamar Community College to bring diverse students to our campus. Uyanga plans to continue her education in business at another university to complete her bachelor's degree. Uyanga currently holds a 3.55 GPA and will graduate this spring with her Associate of Arts degree.

Morgan Community College**Ashley Horton**

Ashley is currently the President of Student Government. While in Student Government, she has planned, coordinated, and participated in many activities. Some of these activities include Visions of Trees, fund raising events, student socials, and addressing student concerns. Ashley has also helped plan socials for students including a pool social, and a fun game and movie night. She has also helped voice student concerns on issues such as lunch for students and child care for parents while they are in class. This spring, Ashley will graduate with an Associate of Arts, an Associate of Science and an Associate of General Studies degree. She will then transfer to continue her education. By the end of her schooling, she plans to have a degree in mortuary science.