All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.

- Financial Aid has reported a 5% increase in financial aid applications compared to applications processed during the same time period in 2011-2012. Students are receiving a much quicker turn-around with complete applications being reviewed within 24 business hours.
- A site map has been developed for the new website redesign based on extensive interviews with prospective and new students to learn how we could make our design easier to navigate. The design process included watching students navigate the current site, focus groups, and a card sort where students grouped key web topics into categories they thought logical. Meetings are scheduled with Student Services Deans, online learning and recruiters. Open forums for staff and faculty will be scheduled for October.

The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a highly skilled work force.

- The Workforce Development department completed an intensive review of the need for skilled machinists in the FRCC service area, including contacts with over two dozen companies and several other stakeholders. The consensus was that the demand is high and at least one program in our service area appears to be sustainable. Next steps are to establish short term partnerships with school districts to use their machining labs while our project director identifies ways to fund our own lab.
- Working with the FRCC Foundation, Steve Anderson of Forney Industries donated an endowed scholarship for $100,000 for Larimer Campus welding students.
- Work on the $3.9 million H1-B Technical Skills Job Training Grant is well underway. Activities to date have included building a website to track progress and working with Larimer and Boulder County Workforce Centers to finalize agreements. The group, known as the Front Range Healthcare Consortium Project, has agreed on Clinical Documentation, Computer and IT Security, and ICD-10 Coding as the training that will be offered. Kaiser Permanente has recently joined the consortium effort. Initial feedback indicates that our partners struggle to find IT candidates who have a healthcare background.

Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.

- FRCC’s College Now collaborated with four other metro colleges to offer the Second Annual Faculty Institute on August 6th. Approximately 110 instructors from area colleges spent time discussing Concurrent Enrollment (CE) as it relates to teaching post-secondary courses in local high schools and
networking with others from their respective disciplines. Additional attendees included new instructors, faculty, department leads/chairs, deans, and students from area colleges.

- A bilingual representative in Outreach and Enrollment Services (OES) at the Boulder County Campus has been funded from the FRCC President’s Strategic Planning Grants. A key focus of this new position will be working with Spanish-speaking families to familiarize them with the benefits of the College Now program and the enrollment process.

**Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting-edge instruction and educational services.**

- Animal Technology faculty member (FRCC/Larimer College Now High School Program), Tara Raske, traveled to Nepal this summer to study elephants in their native environment. She spent several weeks researching and caring for these magnificent animals. Tara plans to incorporate what she learned from her experience to her curriculum this year to benefit her students.

- Natural Resources faculty from Larimer Campus traveled with a group of students to Alaska to apply learning outcomes to the outdoor environment. This learning opportunity allowed students to gain real-world relevancy to their coursework. Students had the chance to see animal and plant species up close and personal, including whales, bears and a variety of birds and plants.

- FRCC/BCC’s Advising Department has kicked off its new Embedded Advising Program. Two advisors and two faculty are working as a team to bring student services to academically-at-risk students in the classroom. Six developmental English and Reading courses have been targeted for this intrusive advising method; advisors will spend time in the classroom to connect with students and offer services and guidance with any issues affecting the students’ academic performance and success.

- FRCC/BCC’s Department of Advising has transitioned from having part-time advisors facilitate the “Get Started” sessions, to having students from the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa lead the sessions. This is another chance to offer leadership opportunities to outstanding PTK students and to provide a comfortable environment for new students to ask questions.

- FRCC Art Faculty Heidi Strang was selected by peer members of the Colorado Art Educators Association as “Higher Education Art Educator of Year, 2012”. An award ceremony will be held in October to present this award.

- As of July 25, FRCC completed its third week of their Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) which is one of our CCCS Immersive and Game-Based Learning Challenge grants. 323 individuals originally signed up as participants. 244 created logins and actually signed into the course with 111 of these participants from the CCCS system. The other participants are educators and game-based learning researchers from across the world. The largest group of non-U.S. citizens is Australians. There were 221 threads with 790 posts in the course. Currently, a Monday morning overview is live-streamed over “Google Hangout.” There are three synchronous events per week: a “Tweetchat” on Wednesday evening from 7 - 8 p.m.; Twitter postings; and a discussion with a guest speaker online in Second Life that is live-streamed. Using the YouTube live-stream, questions are addressed. There is also opportunity for virtual field trips into video games. As of 7/25/12, the Games MOOC Youtube channel video had over 1058 views. (For more information, see: [http://gamesmooc.shivtr.com/](http://gamesmooc.shivtr.com/))

- FRCC is restructuring its Online Learning Department with the goal of increasing student success across all online courses by 5% over the next three years. At the heart of the new organization are campus online student success teams to provide local support to faculty, staff and students on effective teaching and learning strategies in the online learning environment.
The financial stability of the system’s institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

• The college-wide Fiscal Services department recently expanded physical operations by scheduling daily open hours for the Cashiers office at Boulder County Campus. In addition, the Fiscal Services department has opened an office that will be regularly occupied by Fiscal leadership staff to service faculty, instructors, administrators and staff.

• FRCC launched its first online on demand training for employees. This initial effort focused on key fiscal guidelines and rules (purchasing, travel, etc.) and was a joint effort of Human Resources, Online Learning, and a team from the Finance and Administration department. The team, created and produced videos targeted for new or recently hired employees that they can access from their desktop. This is the first in a series of learning modules designed to increase the understanding FRCC employees have of finance and administration division-related topics and to make this information easier for FRCC faculty and staff to access at a time when it is convenient for them.

• FRCC’s Emergency Preparedness Director, Gordon Goldsmith, and Keisha Sabelko, FA Training and Compliance Specialist, have started presenting annual Campus Security Authority training. The goal of this presentation is to train people for their role as a Campus Security Authority (CSA) in order to be in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Campus Security Policy & Crime Statistics Disclosure Act. The training provides an overview of the Clery Act and focuses on the regulatory requirements and reporting responsibilities of being a CSA.

Miscellaneous

• FRCC-BCC worked with the Crayons to Calculators program to collect school supplies for students in the St. Vrain Valley and Boulder Valley School Districts who cannot afford school supplies. FRCC-BCC was a collection site, and 17 backpacks of school supplies were collected for the program.