President’s Report: Dr. Michele Haney  August 2012

All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college education.
- The college held the first of three fall concurrent enrollment registrations on August 27 for students at WarrenTech and other Jeffco high schools.
- RRCC hosted a Fall New Student Welcome on August 14 for approximately 1200 new students.
- Academic Advisors met with a record number of students in August, assisting 2,203 students.
- RRCC’s College Gateway hosted speaker Weldon Long, author of *The Upside of Fear*, in which he tells the story of how he stopped his personal 20-year cycle of prison, poverty, and addiction using a method that combines focus, emotional commitment, action, and responsibility.

The demands of businesses shall be met through the development of high-skilled work force.
- RRCC’s Physician’s Assistant program held a graduation ceremony on August 17 for 30 students; many will move to rural Colorado to increase health services in these underserved areas.
- RRCC’s Holistic Health program held graduation on August 3. Many of these students will continue their education by pursuing an AAS degree or seek healing arts careers.
- Math instructor Heather Duncan was awarded with the Foundation’s 2012 Teaching Chair at a ceremony and ice cream social on August 15.
- Colleen Jorgenson moved from VP of Instruction to a new role as VP of Workforce Development and Training. Jorgenson will focus on expanding RRCC’s relationships with the local workforce and increasing enrollment in non-credit courses. Bob Rizzuto has been appointed interim VPI.
- Dr. Lisa Fowler joined RRCC as VP of Student Success. Fowler had spent the past 16 years in leadership roles in the Georgia community college system.

Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.
- The High School Relations office hosted a booth at the Wheat Ridge Carnation Festival, led an RRCC school supply drive for the Action Center, held events at D’Evelyn and Wheat Ridge High Schools, and conducted 13 onsite tours.

Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting-edge instruction and educational services.
- HS Relations attended a metro-wide Faculty Institute to give HS teachers a chance to meet with college instructors from metro community colleges to discuss Concurrent Enrollment.
- The Learning Support Services Connect to Success program introduced FYI: Success Series. This semester-long series of 40 workshops and activities for RRCC students has four threads: academic, career, personal, and financial.

The financial stability and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.
- Financial Aid introduced their “Show me the money” series of financial literacy workshops and activities in effort to decrease loan default and mismanagement of student aid.