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

- More than 50 students from the Intercambio Uniting Communities English as a Second Language (ESL) program are studying this summer at the Boulder County Campus. Intercambio teaches seven levels of ESL – the seventh level meets eligibility requirements for the campus ESL program. Intercambio’s volunteer-taught English classes primarily serve the Longmont area adult immigrant population. "The students are excited about being on campus," Norma Fuentes, Intercambio program director for Longmont, told college staff. "They are using the Student Commons just like regular students. I can't express how grateful we are to be at FRCC."

- About 125 faculty and instructors took part in a Teaching and Learning with Technology “Summer Camp.” The campers heard from Terry Doyle, a nationally known expert on learning. His keynote was “The New Science of Learning: Helping Students Learn in Harmony with their Brain.” They also learned in dozens of workshops given by their FRCC colleagues. One session featured Game Camp, in which teams of campers developed an educational game. They brainstormed an idea, established game rules and designed a game board.

- Jennifer Lee, Natural Resources faculty at the Larimer Campus, is assisting with curriculum design for "The Tree Trunk," a U.S. Forest Service-funded project at the Community Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins. K-12 teachers who bring classes to the gardens will access the trunk, which will contain a variety of educational lessons and tools to perform the lessons. In the spring 2014, students from NRE 225 Environmental Education will facilitate activities on prearranged days. This is a fabulous opportunity for the NRE students to practice their environmental education skills and to give back to the community.

- Chad Kerst, philosophy faculty and Mike Long, history faculty, are creating curriculum for a new learning community pilot debuting this fall at the Larimer Campus. They will pair History 101 with a new student success course as part of an effort to see how these types of learning communities can improve student retention. The pilot will expand to three sections in the spring and will also go college-wide at that time.

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

- At the request of Northern Colorado companies, Corporate Solutions is launching “WebLab” in September. WebLab is a short-term training focused on building skills in web development. The
demand for web developers is increasing daily with more than 50 new positions in web
development posted on job sites in Colorado each week. Our industry partners include Markit on
Demand, WebApper, Pivotal Labs, New Century Software, DataSplice, CodeGeek.net, Madwire, and
Choice City Web Works. The 240-hour, cutting-edge training will be offered at the Boulder County
Campus at night and on weekends. The tuition of $1,550 is reduced because of funding through a
Department of Labor grant. FRCC is coordinating with workforce centers in Weld, Larimer, Boulder
and Adams counties to target the training to underemployed and unemployed individuals. More
than 40 individuals from across the state have applied for the training to date. This is the first of six
sessions of the training to be funded through the grant, to be delivered over the next three years.
• As FRCC seeks to expand the mix of educational opportunities, college staff have been investigating
and reviewing new programs. One of the proposed new programs, Wellness Coach, was compared
to four other occupational programs in health care: registered nurse, physical therapist, health
educator, and health-care social worker. Statistics provided by Institutional Research include a count
of current and projected jobs in each Colorado county, the number of degrees awarded and by
which institutions, and the age and educational attainment of current workers. This should aid in the
decision-making process as FRCC continues to examine new opportunities that are relevant to
future students.

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

• Boulder County Campus bilingual outreach representative met with St. Vrain Valley School District
(SVVSD) Attendance Team members to brainstorm opportunities to reach middle school students
during district programs. The results of the meeting were very positive. During the meeting, the
SVVSD Truancy Program Coordinator requested a list of the outreach team as well as the high
schools to which they are assigned so that the school district can send students to attend FRCC
presentations at the high schools. SVVSD recently received the “Expulsion at Risk Student Services”
(EARSS) grant that addresses middle school attendance.

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

• Fifteen high school students in the Career Pathways (concurrent enrollment) program at the Larimer
Campus earned the Veterinary Technician Assistant certificate. Twelve of the students also
completed the industry examination for Approved Veterinary Assistant, recognized by the National
Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA). Those students are now allowed to use
the AVA designation after their names.

The Front Range Family Theatre Project
presented “Jackie and the Beanstalk” July 10-13 on the Larimer Campus Plaza. The play was written
by Tom McCabe, master storyteller and Parents’ Choice Award winner and directed by John Hill,
theatre faculty and founder of the Front Range Family Theatre Project. The Front Range Family
Theatre Project was founded in 2004 as a community outreach to meet the need for cultural
experiences for families. The project has performed to more than 17,000 young people and their
families.

• The Boulder County Campus embedded advising coordinator prepared a presentation on embedded
advising for the June 14 CCCS student services conference in Pueblo. Embedded advising at Boulder
County was funded through the President’s Innovation Grant Program. The presentation covered
the program’s design and advising process in the classroom, best practices, and institutional research data indicating the positive impact on students receiving advising through the advisor embedded in the developmental English or Reading classrooms. Subsequent requests have been made by other Colorado community colleges for the coordinator to present the program at their institutions so that they can start similar programs. The CCCS system office also has invited the embedded advising coordinator to participate as an expert on embedded advising at their developmental education implementation task force workshops.

- With support from the campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and the Rotary Club of Fort Collins, student Emily Thomas joined Larimer faculty Niroj Bhattarai, Jennifer Lee, and Barbara Patterson on a trip to Nepal. Emily brought art supplies and sports equipment to a Nepalese school. The faculty presented a workshop to Nepalese teachers about cooperative learning.

The financial stability of the system’s institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

- The Facilities Planning and Management staff are overseeing construction projects:
  - At the Westminster Campus, the construction of the parking lot expansion and modification is almost complete. Work is underway on the main entry drive modification and the revised building entry with an ADA-compliant ramp to the main door. All projects are on target for completion before students return for the fall semester.
  - Also at the Westminster Campus, planning efforts are underway to define the scope of the upcoming Student Center and Liberal Arts/HUFA renovations. Construction activities are anticipated to begin in winter 2014.

Miscellaneous

- Katherine (Kathy) Kilpatrick is the new director of budget and business services. Kathy’s background includes assignments with Texas A&M and Virginia Commonwealth University campuses in Doha, Qatar, where she served as budget director. She previously worked for the University of Colorado-Denver and the Office of State Colleges in Colorado, and recently received her MBA from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.
- The Boulder County Campus Student Government Association volunteered and provided assistance to the Longmont Shiloh House, which offers specialized 24-hour care for youth between the ages of 5 to 18 experiencing severe behavioral and emotional issues. The students had a fund-raiser bake sale for recreational games for the children, and also spent time with the children, teaching them various activities to keep them engaged in learning. One child at the Shiloh House wrote to say “thank you for your hard work and kindness! Because of you, I have an option for college at Front Range.”
- The Boulder County Campus Student Life, Science Club and Student Government partnered to adopt a 1,200-square-foot garden plot at the Longmont YMCA Community Gardens. More than 100 pounds of produce recently harvested were donated to FRCC students in need and to the YMCA’s garden distribution program for low-income residents.
• Larimer anthropology faculty Jeannette Mobley-Tanaka’s, first novel, “Katerina’s Wish,” won a Colorado Book Award, and has been named to the New York Public Library’s 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing – Stories for Older Readers.
• FRCC’s Twitter feed has grown past 1,000 followers.