Transform the student experience.

- A $1.1 million federal grant will assist the Westminster Campus with providing essential services to a growing population of at-risk first-generation students. The five-year TRIO grant will address low academic achievement and high socio-economic barriers that Student Support Services-eligible students face as they enter postsecondary education.
- FRCC’s Online Learning department completed a summer pilot using Brainfuse, an online tutoring service. This service was piloted in 10 summer courses from multiple disciplines. Brainfuse also assisted students when campus tutoring did not have tutors available for specific subjects or when the student’s schedule did not allow them to meet with a tutor on campus.
- Scores of scholarship recipients – all FRCC Foundation Scholars – attended day-long conferences on their campuses that covered success strategies and opportunities to engage with fellow scholars.
- Online Student Success teams launched updates aimed at increasing student engagement and success:
  - The Arts, Humanities and Communication team designed COM 115 Public Speaking to incorporate online presentation software as well as opportunities for students to participate in live presentations at the campus most convenient to the student.
  - The Behavioral and Social Sciences team redesigned the master course shell for ECO 201 Macroeconomics to include smaller, more accessible modules that take less than five minutes each. Clear concise videos created by the instructor bring content to life, including live demonstrations of how she accesses and analyzes real-world online data sets that students can access as well.
  - The Business, Education and Computer Technology team created a learning community that gives students the opportunity to take ACC 135 Spreadsheet Applications for Accounting and CIS 155 PC Spreadsheet Concepts: Excel in the same semester, building on complementary content.
The Math, Science and Allied Health team redesigned HWE 109 Weight Management and Exercise to use FitBit technology in lieu of a textbook so that students learn to collect and analyze their own health data.

- Center for Adult Learning has redesigned its intake process so each student meets with his/her teacher following registration and assessment.
- A near completers’ initiative at the Larimer Campus focused on: 1) students who already graduated, but only if they have returned to take more courses and have not graduated again, and 2) students who were enrolled in fall 2014 to summer 2015, but were not registered for fall 2015. More than 80 near completers have enrolled, more than 80 have transferred, and more than 20 have applied for graduation.

Transform our own workforce experience.

- Among recent trainings offered to employees: De-escalating High-Emotion Situations and a package of modules about D2L.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

- The Larimer Campus reinstated its Cisco Networking Academy status. A major benefit of the academy is access to free online web-based curriculum with hands-on labs for Cisco certifications such as Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) and Cisco Certified Network Professional (CCNP). The Boulder County Campus also has a Cisco Networking Academy.
- Consulting services from the North Metro Denver Small Business Development Center (SBDC) supported 16 business starts and 38 new jobs in the first six months of the year.
- Lynn Vosler, director of workforce development, has been elected to the board of directors of the NoCo Manufacturing Partnership. The partnership is a group with more than 130 manufacturers and 50 public-sector participants. Among its goals: build career awareness for high school students, partner with K-12 and higher education, and bring together networking and supply chain opportunities.

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

- Construction and renovation projects are not only improving infrastructure, but also enhancing the student and employee experience.

Westminster Campus
The south classroom building – a visual arts center – greeted fall semester students. The greenhouse will be ready mid-semester.

In the area designated the Corridor 8-12 Project, the second phase of construction on the B and C levels is under way. This project continues the upgrades to the main corridors established in the western portion of the building moving east. The 12 East Project, also under construction, includes the continuation of the corridor upgrades on both the B and C levels, and renovation of the former C level art classrooms into general and music classrooms and a new faculty office suite.

Design on two additional smaller areas of the building is at midpoint. This last construction work follows the 12 East Project, and will expand and improve two faculty office suites. Current plans have expedited the upgrades to the gallery and performance space, with construction starting sooner than originally anticipated.

State-funded ADA/life safety upgrades project also are under construction. This project addresses numerous areas of the campus, both inside and out, improving access and mitigating safety issues.

Larimer Campus

The campus received state funding for fire alarm and fire line backflow preventers in July 2015. The switchgear replacement project, which will be replacing the electrical services at Redcloud Peak, Mount Antero, and Maroon Peak, is under way.

Redcloud Peak’s renovation into a creative arts design center for art, design, dance, theater and music programs greeted students for the fall semester. Former space in Blanca Peak that housed Energy and Manufacturing Technology, which moved in January to the new Little Bear Peak, has been repurposed for Veterinary Technology and Forestry, Wildlife, and Natural Resources.

Outreach and enrollment representatives attended all the Larimer County Fair & Rodeo, connecting with more than 100 prospective students and their families about options at FRCC.

Campus Security and Preparedness conducted lockout drills at the three campuses. Law enforcement assisted at each location and provided valuable feedback. An after-action report will be developed, and any revisions to the college’s actions or procedures will be revised and implemented for future exercises. The next step is setting up a lock-down drill at each campus, with planning activities to include both internal and external response partners.

Two Campus Security and Preparedness supervisors attended the recent University of Colorado-Boulder Police active harmer exercise. The scenario provided an invaluable opportunity for the supervisors to observe local responders in action and to network with their peers. The CU-Boulder police chief has invited John Putbrese, Westminster’s security supervisor, to meet with the university’s assistant chief of police to continue exploring inter-departmental cooperation.
Other news

• Catherine Doering, a director and private client advisor at the Wealth Management Group at First National Bank, has joined the FRCC Foundation board of directors.
• Larimer Campus Vice President Jean Runyon and outreach and enrollment representatives presented to the Fort Collins chapter of the Lions Club to share updates and build relationships with community partners. Approximately 30 members participated in the discussions and heard how our campus is growing, connecting, and enriching our community.