President's Report: Dr. Michele Haney
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Transform the student experience.

- RRCC’s PTK 2016 All-Colorado Academic Team members, Matt Dobson, and Anna Lopez, joined the inductees from the other colleges at a celebration in their honor.
- RRCC Theatre Arts student Daniel Gomez, received a Meritorious Achievement Award at the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Daniel was recognized for his innovative lighting design for one of our theatrical productions.
- RRCC Theatre Arts student Derick Gonzales Robles and former RRCC Dance student Brianna Desmond attended an after-Oscars party in Los Angeles. Derick and Brianna are now working as professional artists in the entertainment industry. Derick has already worked on several TV shows including *The Middle, Criminal Minds, Code Black*, and a Chex Mix commercial. Brianna has appeared in several music videos.
- Jack Welner: Holocaust educator and survivor of the Lodz Ghetto, Auschwitz-Birkenau, Kaufering #4, Utting/Ammersee #10 and Dachau spoke to both staff and student regarding the Holocaust.
- **Dream Zone**
  This training provides staff/faculty/students with the tools and resources to better serve our undocumented students and help us to become a better ally to this community of learners.
- **I Am a Girl (film screening)**
  Being born a girl means you are more likely to be subjected to violence, disease, poverty and more disadvantages than any other group on Earth. In I AM A GIRL, we meet 14-year-old Kimsey from Cambodia, forced to sell her virginity at 12; Aziza from Afghanistan, who will be shot if she goes to school; Breani, a teen living in a ghetto of NYC and dreaming of stardom; Katie from Australia, who is recovering from a suicide attempt; Habiba from Cameroon, betrothed to a man 20 years her senior; and Manu from Papua New Guinea, about to become a mother at 14 following her first sexual encounter. As they
come of age in the way their culture dictates, we see remarkable heart-warming stories of resilience, bravery and humor.

- **Ida B. Wells: A Passion for Justice (film screening)**
  Ida B. Wells-Barnett was a household name in Black America during much of her lifetime (1863-1931). Wells: A Passion for Justice documents the dramatic life and turbulent times of the pioneering African American journalist, activist, suffragist and anti-lynching crusader of the post-Reconstruction period. Nobel Prize-winning author Toni Morrison read selections from Wells’ memoirs and other writings.

- **Alcohol and Other Drugs – Learn & Discuss**
  RRCC students participated in a discussion about alcohol and other drug abuse, and heard from people who have overcome their own struggles.

- **Self-Injury Awareness Day:**
  March 1st was Self-Injury Awareness Day. Information and resources were provided.

- **Spin the Bottle: Sex, Lies & Alcohol**
  For RRCC’s Alcohol Awareness Week, students gathered for a film that looks at the role that pop culture plays in glamorizing excessive drinking and high-risk behaviors. It concludes with strategies for countering the ubiquitous presence of alcohol propaganda.

- **National Eating Disorders Week:**
  Eating disorders and body dissatisfaction do not have a gender or race bias, and they encompass numerous countries and cultures. Anyone can suffer from an eating disorder, but treatment is effective.

- **Social Justice Reading Group**
  The Social Justice Reading group pick books to read that is relevant to current social issues and events. This semester’s book is *How Does It Feel to Be a Problem? Being Young and Arab in America* by Moustafa Bayoumi. This group is open to both employees and students in order to foster integrated dialogue across the college.

- **The Best of Everything | RRCC Theater:**

- **Creative Nonfiction Writer Kerry Reilly readings** will be on the Lakewood Campus in the Den for discussion.

- **Bringing in the Bystander Training:**
  The Blue Bench Prevention Specialists will engage students to understand the role that they play in preventing sexual assault by becoming an active bystander.

- **Career Services is offering a free résumé building workshop for prior-service military members. Help translate your military skills to the civilian job market.**

- **NSLS, National Society of Leadership and Success, sponsored live video broadcasts for members featuring Anderson Cooper and Trevor Noah.**

- **Immigration Today: Current U.S. Policy and Civil Right**
  This panel session explored current U.S. immigration policy and provided some answers in regards to where law currently stands for various populations traveling to and from the United States. Panelists will include Lisa
York, JD, immigration attorney and managing member of York Law, LLC, and Kathleen Hynes, PhD, volunteer speaker for the ACLU of Colorado.

- **Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring Students’ Engage!** Open Forums were available on *Beating the Battle against Stress, Neutrinos at the Edge of Earth, Learning to Build a Scholarship Application and Urban Farming.*

**Transform our own workforce experience.**

- **Pathways Programs for Students and Recent Graduates:** This webinar introduces the Pathways Programs (Internships, Recent Graduates and Presidential Management Fellows) through the Federal Government. Information presented covers what each program offers to the job seeker, the basic requirements and employment potential upon program completion.
- RRCC invited employers who have internship opportunities and experience for students.
- The Red Rocks Community College Physician Assistant Program has been granted Accreditation-Continued status by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA). This decision is based on the program application and appendices, the report of the site visit team, the program response to observations and its accreditation history.
- Red Rocks Community College was once again nominated for the Jefferson County Industry Appreciation Award. After reviewing our nomination from the Arvada Economic Development Association for the new Arvada campus, along with the development of the Physician Assistant Master’s Degree Program, the committee chose RRCC to receive the Genesis Award or “Economic Developer of the Year”. It was celebrated at the Annual Jefferson County Industry Appreciations Awards Breakfast.
- The IDEA class (EGT 140) was approved by CU-Boulder to transfer for GEEN 1400 Engineering Projects, resulting in more engineering transfer pathways for Red Rocks students.
- Joan Smith has been invited to speak at the Pennsylvania Safety in Transmission and Energy Production meeting. Those in attendance are employed in the upstream oil and gas industry. She will be discussing workplace occupational safety and health in the industry and the training programs developed by Rocky Mountain Education Center for the upstream, onshore oil and gas industry.

**Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.**

- The IDEA Lab is now affiliated with ENABLE, a group that 3D prints prosthetics for children with missing upper limbs.
- The IDEA Lab was invited to tour Lockheed Martin and meet with Red Rocks alums working at Lockheed.
- The IDEA Lab hosted John F. Kennedy High School students from DPS with Xcel Energy industry mentors to do a STEM Challenge.
- As a result of the success of Dr. Dunsmoor’s session “Millennials in the Industrial Workforce” that he presented at the North Dakota Safety Council’s
Conference, with more than 150 in attendance, Dr. Dunsmoor was subsequently invited and presented the session at the Utah Safety Council’s Conference in Sandy. Dr. Dunsmoor will return to the Salt Lake area and will be again hosted by the Utah Safety Council to present the three-day Field Leadership for Oil and Gas course to workers employed in the Uintah and Piceance Basins. Both basins are beginning to experience an uptick in production activity.

- The Denver Business Journal recently announced its list of the 40 Top Women in Energy, recognizing women who are key influencers in metro Denver’s energy sector. This year Joan Smith, Executive Director of RRCC’s Rocky Mountain Education Center (RMEC), is among the honorees and will be recognized in the April 14 issue of the Denver Business Journal and at a VIP reception on April 19 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel Pinnacle Room. Members from the college’s administration will be attending an event with Ms. Smith hosted by the DBJ April 19th to celebrate the winners. Smith has also developed relationships between Red Rocks Community College and several international partners, including the countries of Jordan and Saudi Arabia. She worked with students, universities, and employers in Jordan to create the first Solar Energy Technician and Occupational Safety and Health Associates Degree programs through the Al Baqa Applied University, and has worked with a training partner in Saudi Arabia to open the Institute for Workforce Education in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with headquarters in Dammam.

- Grand Canyon University, Metro State, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, and University of Colorado-Denver were available to meet with students transferring to their colleges.

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- Meet with “Banks” the financial aid Mascot. Gather resources on budgeting, spending/saving plans and successfully managing your student loans. Make your student loan payments more affordable! Learn important tips and save more money in repayment.

- Dayna Jaynstein, PA-C, a certified physician assistant faculty member at the Red Rocks Community College PA Program, was recently awarded a specialty credential called a Certificate of Added Qualifications (CAQ) from the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA). Jaynstein received the CAQ in Emergency Medicine, a distinction earned by meeting licensure, education and experience requirements and then passing a national exam in the specialty. She is one of only 20 certified PAs in Colorado to earn a CAQ in Emergency Medicine since the program’s inception in 2011. CAQs are offered to certified PAs in cardiovascular and thoracic surgery, emergency medicine, hospital medicine, orthopedic surgery, nephrology, pediatrics and psychiatry. In addition to her work at Red Rocks Community College, Jaynstein is also a certified PA at Denver Health and is a recipient of the 2012 Peak Performers Award for Hospital-Based PAs in the Rocky Mountain region.
- RRCC hosted the annual Concurrent Enrollment Faculty-to-Faculty meeting on March 8. Concurrent Enrollment adjunct instructors, RRCC department chairs, and deans met to discuss approval for 2017-2018 and curriculum alignment requirements. Approximately 80 guests were in attendance.
- Continued participation in the First Year Experience orientation team meeting. Discussed potential orientation dates, the event’s agenda and necessary materials to distribute to students.
- Collaborated with Advising and Admissions to offer 5th year advising plans to potential ASCENT (5th year seniors) students.
- Working with Jeffco on potential grant for their instructors who may be 6 credit hours from 18 graduate hours required for consideration of GT Pathways concurrent enrollment.
- Discussions with DPS and RRCC English and Math departments to finalize transition course MOU. This would remove developmental math and English at DPS schools. Math MOU will reflect that RRCC does not offer 092-093 math labs attached to MAT121. Those labs are under consideration for addition in 2018/2019 semesters.
- Presented “Next Steps” to all Warren Tech North programs. The focus of this hands on workshop, allowed students to explore “the rock”, view their unofficial transcript, how to order an official transcript, understand their Concurrent Enrollment credit and discuss the importance of COF and Financial Aid tab.
- Collaborated with the RRCC advising department offered one on-one post-secondary guidance to Warren Tech North students.
- The Physician Assistant program has a new cadaver lab that will assist students in their study of the human body.

Other News

- The officers of Alpha Kappa Sigma and staff welcomed new Phi Theta Kappa members at the spring induction ceremony, March 22nd.
- Each year the RRCC Student Government recognizes both a Faculty and Adjunct Instructor of the Year. The award is based on a vote by RRCC students. This year over 250 students participated. Full-time Instructor of the Year is Dr. Keith Swain, Psychology Department, and the Part-time Instructor of the Year is Jeremy Beard from the EGT Department.
- The Dr. Is In sessions were held at Lakewood and Arvada campuses, allowing students an opportunity to have coffee with and ask questions of President, Michele Haney.