



So the Foundation is exploring targeted, online campaigns. Possible campaigns could be for Gateway to College, a program in which at-risk high school students or dropouts can earn a high school diploma and college credits; for veterans who need some emergency funds when their VA payments are late; for students buying required, expensive textbooks; or for matching funds for Kaiser Permanente Colorado scholarships for students in nursing/medical fields.



Gateway to College students

If you have suggestions for a targeted digital campaign, email Foundation Executive Director Ryan McCoy at [ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu](mailto:ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu)

## FRCC Foundation Receives \$150,000 Matching Challenge from Colorado Department of Higher Education

Foundation donors have unlocked half of a \$150,000 matching challenge from the state Department of Higher Education.

When notified of the challenge last fall, the Foundation sent a fundraising letter to over 1,300 individuals asking for donations, emphasizing Olivia's story, and the importance of Foundation scholarships.

Thanks to donor generosity, we are halfway to the goal.

The Department of Higher Education's Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative committed about \$725,000 in matching scholarship funding to the College Community College System this year for distribution among the state's community colleges. As the largest community college in Colorado, FRCC received \$150,000.

To join this challenge and double the impact of your donation, contact Ryan at [ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu](mailto:ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu).

## Larimer Campus \$32 Million Renovation in Final Phase

With two construction and renovation phases completed at the Larimer Campus, Mount Antero is next in line for expansion and renovation.

The new Mount Antero will have more space for student services and activities. The building is expected to include veterans services; more student meeting and gathering space, online learning, fiscal services; testing, counseling, and the registrar's office.

The first phase of the \$32 million project was the construction of Little Bear Peak, which opened in January 2014 and houses Automotive Technology, Manufacturing and Energy Technology, and Welding Technology.

In the second phase, completed in 2015, Veterinary Technology and Forestry, Wildlife, and Natural Resources moved to new quarters in Blanca Peak, and Redcloud Peak became an arts and design center, housing Art, Music, Theater, Dance, CAD, Humanities, Interior Design, Multimedia Technology, and Architectural Engineering and Building Science.

The Markley family, which has been in the auto business for almost 80 years, has pledged \$100,000 in support of the Larimer Campus Automotive Technology Program. The gift to the Foundation will provide funds for both a strong and expanding automotive program and scholarships for its students.

Forney Industries is a valued partner of the Welding Technology Program. The company supports scholarships for welding students, with the goal of graduating skilled workers that



Mount Antero under construction.



New study area inside Redcloud Peak.

benefit Colorado's welding industry. It also donates Forney products that enhance students' educational experiences. President and CEO Steve Anderson is a member of the FRCC Foundation board and also serves as an advisor to the welding program.

Fort Collins companies or individuals interested in supporting the renovation of Mount Antero should contact Ryan at [ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu](mailto:ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu).

## Two Outstanding Leaders Join Foundation Board

The Front Range Community College Foundation recently welcomed to the board of directors two new members who bring financial and legal experience and demonstrated commitments to the community.

### Jan Rodriguez

Jan Rodriguez is assistant general counsel and assistant corporate secretary at Ball Corporation, headquartered in Broomfield. Her responsibilities include providing legal assistance for various business groups throughout the company.

Jan graduated from Northeastern State University with a Bachelor of Business Administration, majoring in accounting. She received her law degree from the University of Tulsa. "Jan began her studies at a community college and is very sensitive to the unique needs of some of our students," Ryan said.



Jan Rodriguez

### Rick Samson

Rick Samson, founder of the Samson Law Firm in Longmont, has long placed great value on public service, donating his time and expertise to a broad spectrum of non-profit, educational, and community organizations. He was a member of the St. Vrain Valley School Board for eight years and spent three years on the Board of Directors of Bethany College.



Rick Samson

Rick has received many recognitions for his community service, including the Ron Porter Community Service Award from the Boulder County Bar Association, the Lee Shepard Memorial Volunteer of the Year from Partners of Boulder County Inc., and the Larry Nelson Community Service Award from the Longmont Twin Peaks Rotary Club. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bethany College, majoring in history and political science, and graduated from Washburn University Law School.

## Learn More about how Community Colleges are Shaping Colorado

You may have seen some billboards or television commercials for the Colorado Community College System (CCCS).

One objective of the "Go CCCS" campaign is to increase recognition of the exceptional economic impact, positive student outcomes, and workforce development solutions that CCCS colleges, including FRCC, offer.

If you want more than a 30-second view of Colorado's community colleges, the [Go CCCS website](#) details how local, state, and national businesses, manufacturers, and organizations reap big benefits by partnering with community colleges. Community college expertise helps businesses boost corporate efficiency, productivity, and profitability.

The website also focuses on the benefits to the more than 150,000 students who enroll each year at the 13 CCCS colleges statewide. Those benefits include outstanding faculty,

exceptional value, and classrooms and labs with the latest technology and equipment.

## Hungry and in College

It's hard to learn on an empty stomach.

That's why a food pantry has opened on the Larimer Campus, and other FRCC campuses are researching options to do the same.

A recent survey of FRCC students found that 43 percent reported being hungry in the past year. Thus, Food For Thought opened in a small building on the Larimer Campus.

It's not easy, opening and running a food pantry. The champions of Food

For Thought brought its idea under the nonprofit umbrella of the FRCC Foundation. A partnership was needed with the Food Bank for Larimer County, and volunteers transport food from the food bank to campus. The Facilities Department had to bring the Food For Thought building up to food-storage standards. Volunteers tend a campus garden that adds fresh vegetables at harvest time to supplement other food sources.

A national survey parallels what FRCC found with its own survey. The national survey found that one in five community college students said they had gone hungry in the past 30 days because of a lack of money.

Thirteen percent had experienced homelessness. More than half were at risk of homelessness. A majority had financial aid and jobs, but it was not enough.

In an opinion piece published in the New York Times, the researchers emphasized that "such high rates of food and housing insecurity among hard-working college students indicate that the nation faces a serious crisis. Much of the conversation in Washington concerning college costs—whether it's about simplifying the financial aid application or refinancing student loans—seems almost trivial in comparison with the problems these students face."

If you want to support a food pantry at FRCC, contact Foundation Executive Director Ryan McCoy at [ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu](mailto:ryan.mccoy@frontrange.edu). Adolfson & Peterson, project contractors for Larimer Campus renovations, supports Food for Thought (photo accompanying this article). Campus supporters of Food For Thought gratefully received \$500 in food products in November from Adolfson & Peterson.



**Dennis DeRemer, Mary Hill, Quintin Quimby from Adolfson & Peterson, Jean Runyon, and student volunteer Mason Moomey.**

## Save the Date: 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars and join us for our 32nd annual golf tournament on June 3, 2016, at The Greg Mastriona Golf Courses at Hyland Hills. If you have any questions or are interested in sponsoring, please contact Elizabeth Grant, Foundation program manager, by emailing [Elizabeth.grant@frontrange.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.grant@frontrange.edu).



