Bachelor’s Degrees at CMC
Colorado Mountain College is seeking approval through the Colorado legislature to offer a limited number of bachelor’s programs through Senate Bill 10-101. This bill has been approved by the state Senate and is going through the House of Representatives. If the bill passes and is signed by the Governor, the college will pursue program approvals through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), which is our regional accrediting organization, and through the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE). We hope to start being able to offer these degree programs in Fall, 2011.

Follow the progression of this bill on eNews at: http://enews.coloradomtn.edu/

Adjunct Faculty of the Year!
Each year, educators from the college’s seven campuses stretching across nine counties in north-central Colorado can nominate one full-time and one adjunct instructor for faculty of the year honors. The highest honor bestowed on faculty members at the college, the award recognizes demonstrated excellence in setting and achieving high academic standards, promoting student success and providing community leadership. This year’s recipients were:
- Caryn Goralka*, Aspen Campus, SCIENCE
- Sue Lavin, Roaring Fork Campus, ESL
- Joanne Yantz, Summit Campus, ENGLISH
- Mark Cole, Timberline Campus, GEOLOGY
- Kendra Cowles, Vail/Eagle Campus, ESL
- Judy Burke, Virtual Campus, MED TERMINOLOGY
- Milton Eckhart, West Garfield Campus, BIOLOGY

*Caryn Goralka was also selected as the College Wide Adjunct Faculty of the Year. Congratulations to all of CMC’s honorees.

Office of Innovations
An online delivery of Effective Teaching (EDU-222; a required course for ALL instructors) will be offered May 24th through June 25th.

Suzanne Thompson continues to offer training college wide, please visit the training calendar at: http://coloradomtn.edu/faculty_staff/professional_development/training/. If you haven’t taken an online course or are unfamiliar with BlackBoard, a BlackBoard Basics Workshop is recommended. You can register for these classes in Web Advisor or contact Suzanne directly at 970-947-8410 or email her at swthompson@coloradomtn.edu

Also, there are tutorials available on Web Advisor to assist you in entering your students’ grades online at: http://www.coloradomtn.edu/faculty_staff/professional_development/tutorials/. Now would be a great time to try logging in to Web Advisor; if you have any difficulties please contact the Service Desk at 970-947-8438 OR 866-642-0495 or email them at servicedesk@coloradomtn.edu

Don’t Forget!!!
To visit the Faculty and Staff Blog for continuous updates: www.faculty.coloradomtn.edu/blog
Current contributors and their content include
- Joyce Mosher who is sharing her work about using written materials for student oral performance; you can download a free copy there.
- Todd Rymer is interviewed about curriculum innovations in the culinary field on the subject of sustainability in restaurant management.

Faculty In Service
This Spring’s Faculty In Service will be a two day event held at the new facility in Breckenridge. We will be focusing on Assessment and how best to serve our students. Please contact your Instructional Supervisor for the most current details on the arrangements and agenda items planned for this meeting.

Payroll Pros
Mike Rhoades and Judy Bailey are your contacts should you have any payroll questions regarding withholding, W2s, pay dates, etc. Mike advises that W2s were mailed in January; if you have questions regarding the information on the forms, please call him at 970-947-8303 OR Judy can be reached at 970-947-8302.

Dates to Remember
- Spring Break—Varies by Campus *In 2011 the Spring Break will be the same College Wide
- Summer Open Registration Begins—April 19
- Spring Classes End—April 30
- Graduation—April 30 and May 1
- Faculty In Service—May 6 and May 7
- Summer Classes Begin—May 17
CMC Foundation

CMC Foundation would like our Adjunct faculty to know the following: **March 15** is the deadline for most CMC Foundation Scholarship applications. Please remind your students of this important deadline and encourage them to apply for one of our **90** scholarships. The Scholarship Brochure and Application Form are available on the Foundation’s website at [www.cmcfoundation.org](http://www.cmcfoundation.org)

CMC Foundation recently created the No Barriers Fund in honor of our CEO **Alexandra Yajko** who is retiring July 31 after serving CMC for more than 33 years. This new fund will become available during the summer semester. We are now soliciting donations from CMC employees and community members, college wide, for this special, year-round fund whose winning name was suggested by CMC staff member **Cristina Flores**. The purpose of the Fund is to remove unexpected financial barriers for students who are pursuing an education at CMC. Donations to the No Barriers Fund will be divided equally among all CMC campuses. Students will apply to the No Barriers Selection Committee at their campus—a small group of advisors, counselors and a financial aid representative. We want all Faculty to be aware of this Fund and to recommend it to your students should they inform you about personal financial hardship. The Fund may help cover the costs of such needs as: tuition, room, board, books, gasoline, rent, childcare, educational materials and supplies, work/career clothes, bus passes, heat, car repairs, Internet access, medical necessities and exam fees. As always, all employee donations to CMC Foundation scholarships are matched by Alpine Bank, up to $25,000. Employee Giving Forms are available on [http://www.coloradomtn.edu/faculty_staff/forms_for_faculty_staff](http://www.coloradomtn.edu/faculty_staff/forms_for_faculty_staff)

This Newsletter is for You...

What successes are you having the classroom? Would you like to share what is working? In addition to the Faculty Blog, this Forum is for you and your contributions are welcomed. We compile information, news, and educational tidbits for distribution approximately five times per year. If you have an article, experience, or suggestion to offer, please contact **Jan Dean** in Academic Affairs at 970-947-8342 or by email at jdean@coloradomtn.edu.

Did You Know...

**Community College Fast Facts**  
**Number and Type of Colleges:**  
Total: 1,195  
Public: 987  
Independent: 177  
Tribal: 31

**Enrollment:**  
Total: 11.5 million  
Credit: 6.5 million  
Noncredit: 5 million  
Enrolled full time: 41%  
Enrolled part time: 59%

**Community College Students Constitute the Following Percentages of Undergraduates:**  
All U.S. undergraduates: 46%

**Degrees and Certificates Awarded Annually:**  
Associate degrees: 555,000  
Certificates: 295,000  
Baccalaureates: awarded by 29 public and 66 independent colleges

**Workforce training:** 95% of businesses and organizations that employ community college graduates recommend community college workforce education and training programs.

- Online education: Students at 41% of public community colleges can earn a degree entirely online and 92% of all institutions offer at least one Internet-based course.
- **Earnings:** The average expected lifetime earnings for a graduate with an associate degree are $1.6 million, about $.4 million more than a high school graduate earns.

*Data are derived from the most current information available as of January 2008.*  
*Source:AACC.nche.edu*

Campus Happenings

**Summit Campus-Dillon:**  
March 17: Poetry Slam  
March 19: Speaker Series—“Our Energy Future: Policy and Politics”

**Alpine Campus:**  
April: First Annual Student Recognition Dinner  

**Timberline Campus:**  
March and April: International Film Festival  

**West Garfield Campus:**  
March 19: Cat’s Meow Concert 7pm  
March 27: Evening’s Song Concert 7:30pm (part of the Jim Calloway Series)  
May 21: Relay for Life Benefit 7pm