

## WASHINGTON FOUNDATION DONATES TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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BILLINGS – After winning the 2009 NAIA Men’s National Basketball Championship, Rocky Mountain College saw a dramatic increase in students wishing to attend the school. With this influx of applications came greater need for scholarship dollars -- a need met by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation with a \$10,000 gift to Rocky Mountain College.

“With the mission of ‘Investing in People to Improve the Quality of Their Lives,’ this Montana-based foundation has always held education at the forefront of its funding areas,” said RMC President Michael Mace, acknowledging the gift.

Washington Foundation Executive Director Mike Halligan worked directly with President Mace and RMC Senior Development Officer Bob Fitzgerald to ensure that the school could provide these new applicants with scholarship dollars.

“While the recent championship brought Rocky into the headlines, this school has long been a jewel in Montana’s crown. With the upsurge in applications, we are happy to help ensure that deserving students find financial means to pursue their education at this quality institution,” Halligan said.

Rocky Mountain College is a private comprehensive college offering more than 25 liberal arts and professionally-oriented majors and holds a 99% placement rate among students wishing to pursue a graduate education. The school is ranked as one of the top 10 best baccalaureate colleges in the West by U.S. News & World Report and number one among Montana colleges and universities by Forbes Magazine.

The Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation was funded in 1988 by Montana Entrepreneur Dennis Washington and his wife, Phyllis. To date, they have donated over \$40 million to charitable causes. In addition to health and human services, community service, and the arts, the Washingtons have dedicated their lives to investing in American education. They fund annual grants to colleges and universities across the state and have made several donations to create scholarships for the Horatio Alger Association. More on their foundation can be found at <http://www.dpwfoundation.org/scholarships.shtml>.

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