

March 19, 2020

I am writing today to keep you informed on the impacts that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is having on Rocky Mountain College. We have joined other educational institutions in Montana to take steps to help slow the spread of the virus and help protect the health and safety of our students and community.

Beginning Wednesday, March 18, the College moved to online/alternative instruction through April 13, 2020. All College events and College-sponsored travel have been canceled through April 13. RMC athletic practices, travel and competition have been suspended during this time period as well. The College will continue to monitor the situation and address instruction and activities after April 13 in the coming weeks. Residence halls and dining services will remain open for students living on campus. Faculty and staff will continue to work remotely or on campus in support of educational delivery at Rocky Mountain College.

We have decided to cancel all College-sponsored and hosted events through April 13, and some after April 13. Those canceled events include but are not limited to:

- Ryniker-Morrison Gallery Show: "Retrospective Exhibition" by Mark Moak - March 19
- Battlin' Bears and Brews - March 31
- Presidential Lecture Series: Jeffrey Mader - April 2
- Spring Endowment Luncheon - April 7
- Academic Awards Banquet - April 7
- Athletic Awards Ceremony - April 13
- RMC Health and Wellness Fair - April 15
- Scholarship Recognition Dinner - April 17
- RMC Spring Football Game

We have also decided to postpone our RMC Giving Day, which was scheduled for March 30. If you have already donated to RMC Giving Day, thank you for your generosity. Your gift will count toward our Giving Day goal, when it is rescheduled.

No decision has been made on the 2020 Rocky Mountain College Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for May 9. Those plans will be communicated in the coming weeks.

We recognize the effects that these changes have on our students, employees, and the larger College community. We will continue to work closely with state and local health officials to ensure that we are taking the steps necessary to keep our students and campus community safe. For updates on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic at Rocky Mountain College, please visit <https://www.rocky.edu/coronavirus>.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of Rocky Mountain College. We are grateful to have the support of our alumni and friends during challenging times like these. If you have any questions or concerns as we proceed with these changes, please don't hesitate to contact our office at 406.657.1006, or advancement@rocky.edu.

Our thoughts are with you and your families during this difficult time. Rocky Mountain College has persevered for 141 years and we will continue to thrive in our mission of transforming the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

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