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Rocky Mountain PBS to Relocate Colorado Springs Operations to Colorado College in Expansion of Local Programming and Educational Initiatives

Move aligns local Regional Innovation Center with RMPBS' other campus-based operations statewide

DENVER — <July 2, 2019> — [Rocky Mountain Public Media](#), Colorado's largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and parent of Rocky Mountain PBS and KUVO, today announced it is relocating its Colorado Springs operations to Colorado College to expand its local programming and educational initiatives.

The move from the property on Costilla Street to the Colorado College campus will create new opportunities for collaboration, while aligning with RMPBS' other campus-based Regional Innovation Centers in Durango, Grand Junction and Pueblo, said Amanda Mountain, president and CEO of Rocky Mountain Public Media.

"As a nonprofit public media organization, Rocky Mountain PBS must continuously assess its operations to maximize resources and deliver impactful local content," Mountain said. "This move strengthens our partnership with Colorado College and 91.5 KRCC, and I'm excited to see the new ways it will benefit the community."

The agreement with Colorado College will provide a home for RMPBS operations and expand its local programming capacity through collaboration with college students and 91.5 KRCC. RMPBS already collaborates with Colorado College through a block class on engaged journalism and will support up to 20 internships annually for students to gain practical work experience in a media environment.

"Strong community partnerships help Colorado College connect meaningfully to our community, state and region, and help us provide an unparalleled education," said Jill Tiefenthaler, Colorado College president. "The addition of Rocky Mountain PBS to our campus will create synergies with our journalism classes and our NPR-member station 91.5 KRCC, more quality programming, greater community engagement, and exciting opportunities for our students to gain real-world skills."

RMPBS has operated a collaborative space for nonprofits and members of the Colorado Springs community, for seven years. With the pending move to Colorado College, the 8,000-square-foot property will be sold, said Carrie McKee, vice president of engagement and Southern Colorado regional director for Rocky Mountain PBS.

“We will be working hard to identify a buyer that could maintain the building as a resource for nonprofits and the greater community,” McKee said. “We have also supported our tenants in their relocation.”

Proceeds from the sale will support Rocky Mountain Public Media’s statewide mission to create high quality local and multimedia content, including enriching journalism, educational and cultural programming that connects and engages Colorado citizens for lifelong impact.

“We look forward to this new collaboration with Colorado College, which fits our mission of expanding local and educational programming to strengthen the civic fabric of our state,” said Jan Martin, RMPBS board member and Colorado Springs native.

About Rocky Mountain Public Media

Rocky Mountain Public Media is Colorado’s largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and the parent company of Rocky Mountain PBS and KUVU. Rocky Mountain Public Media has more than 85,000 members representing every county in Colorado and reaches 98% of the state’s citizens through television, radio and digital platforms. A non-commercial media organization by and for the people of Colorado, we create high quality local and multimedia content through Regional Innovation Centers in Denver, Colorado Springs, Durango, Grand Junction and Pueblo. Our enriching journalism, educational and cultural programming connects and engages citizens for lifelong impact. RMPBS, started in Denver in 1956 as Colorado's first public television station, is now a statewide television network, with stations in Denver (KRMA), Pueblo/Colorado Springs (KTSC), Steamboat Springs (KRMZ), Grand Junction (KRMJ) and Durango (KRMU). Visit us at rmpbs.org.

About Colorado College

Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts college that was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874. The college operates on the innovative Block Plan, in which its approximately 2,100 undergraduate students take one class at a time in intensive 3½-week segments. In 2016, Colorado College announced an alliance with the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, and the following year the two became the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, providing innovative, educational and multidisciplinary arts experiences for the campus and Colorado Springs communities. The college also offers a master of arts in teaching degree. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu