RMC WELCOMES CHRISTINE TODD WHITMAN in SEPTEMBER

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BILLINGS -- Former Governor of New Jersey and EPA administrator Christine Todd Whitman will be an honored guest of Rocky Mountain College Sept. 13 -1 5, 2010, as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Scholar.

“We are delighted that Gov. Whitman will be coming to Rocky. We are excited about a new major in environmental policy and management that we are beginning, and her visit helps promote that new program,” said RMC President Mike Mace.

Gov. Whitman is the President of The Whitman Strategy Group (WSG), a consulting firm that specializes in energy and environmental issues. WSG offers a comprehensive set of solutions to problems facing businesses, organizations, and governments; they have been at the forefront of helping leading companies find innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

While at Rocky, she will lecture classes, speak at Downtown Rotary, visit Rim Country Land Institute, and deliver a public lecture.

President Mace will host a private reception and dinner in her honor Monday, Sept. 13.

For the Downtown Rotary on Monday, Sept. 13, her talk will be "Sustainability from the Grass Roots: Leading Locally."

She will deliver a public lecture -- "Toward a Sustainable Future: Building Environmental Consensus in a Time of Political Polarization” -- Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the Great Room of Prescott Hall, at 7 p.m. It will be preceded by a public reception at 5:30 p.m., also in the Great Room.

Gov. Whitman is co-chair of the Republican Leadership Council (RLC), which she founded with Senator John Danforth. The RLC’s mission is to support fiscally conservative, socially tolerant candidates and to reclaim the word Republican. She is the author of a New York Times best seller called “It’s My Party Too”, which was published in January of 2005 and released in paperback in March 2006.

Gov. Whitman served in the cabinet of President George W. Bush as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from January of 2001 until June of 2003. She was the 50th Governor of the State of New Jersey, serving as its first woman governor from 1994 until 2001.
As Governor, Christie Whitman earned praise from both Republicans and Democrats for her commitment to preserve a record amount of New Jersey land as permanent green space. She was recognized by the Natural Resources Defense Council as having instituted the most comprehensive beach monitoring system in the nation.

As EPA Administrator, she promoted common-sense environmental improvements such as watershed-based water protection policies. She championed regulations requiring non-road diesel engines to reduce sulfur emissions by more than 95 percent. Under her tenure, the Agency established the first federal program to promote redevelopment and reuse of "brownfields," that is, previously contaminated industrial sites.

Gov. Whitman serves on a number of non-profit organizations including the Board of Trustees’ Executive Committee of the Eisenhower Fellowships as well as Chair of their Executive Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Council on Foreign Relations. She was also the Co-Chair for the Council on Foreign Relations’ Task Force, More Than Humanitarianism: A Strategic U.S. Approach Toward Africa, as well as the Aspen Health Stewardship Project, which was released in February of 2008. She co-chairs Clean and Safe Energy (CASE) with Dr. Patrick Moore and is a member of the board of directors of the American Security Project.

She serves on the Board of Directors of S.C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Texas Instruments Inc., and United Technologies Corporation. She currently serves as an advisor to the Aspen Rodel Fellowship program.

Prior to becoming Governor, she was the President of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities and served on the Somerset County board of Chosen Freeholders.

Gov. Whitman holds a BA from Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., and is married to John R. Whitman, who is president of Sycamore Management Corp. and former CEO of Prudential-Bache. They have two children and three grandchildren.

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