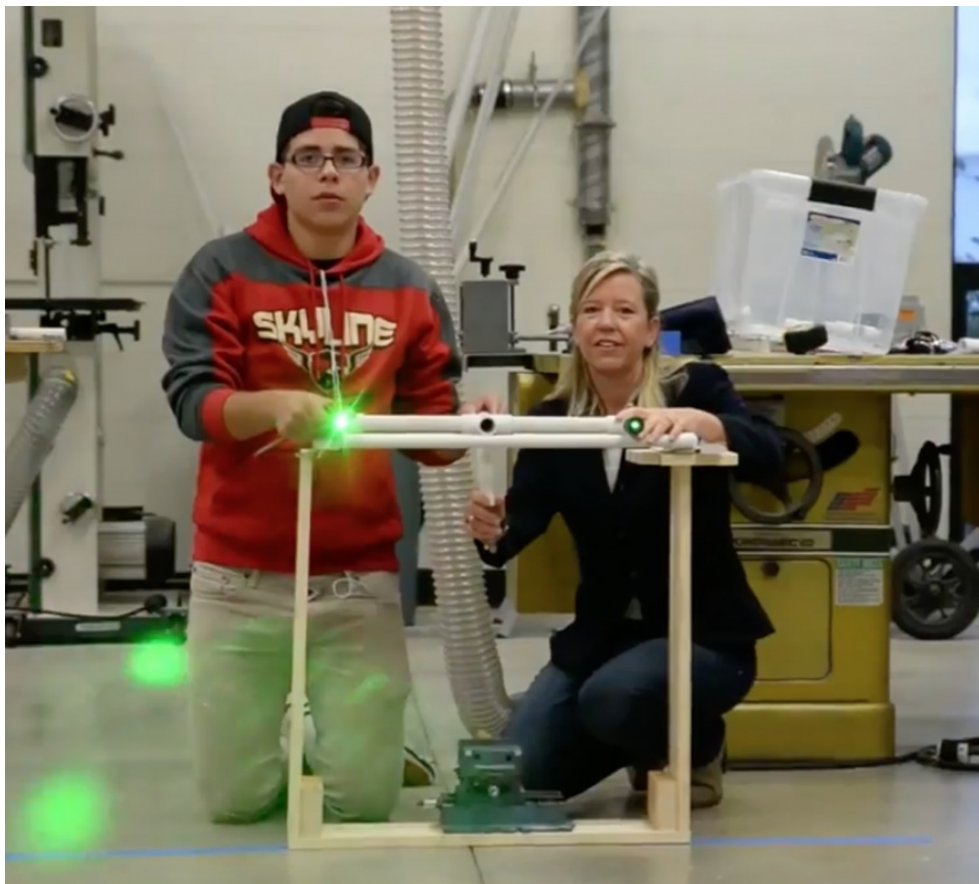




Arts Through It All

At a time when we've lost so much, we can keep the art, culture and scientific discovery that sustains us by reconnecting with its value in our lives. We're featuring the creators, connectors and collaborators who help us make a better world.

OceanFirst Institute



Boulder oceanic institute helps students chart course to a healthier environmental future

Dr. Mikki McComb-Kobza is convinced that by connecting landlocked Colorado students to the ocean, salvation for our ailing planet is possible.

She might be right.

Consider for a moment the work she does. As the Executive Director of the Boulder-based OceanFirst Institute, McComb-Kobza prioritizes hands on research for students from across the Denver Metro area. This work includes research studies of the micro plastics showing up in rivers or research trips to significant global spots where students participate directly in discovery intended to save oceanic species, often sharks.

“We are focused on drawing the connection between the fate of the oceans and our own fate,” said McComb-Kobza. “We want to put the power back in the students’ hands to understand the connections and take action.”

[Read more.](#)

Visit OceanFirst Institute



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The SCFD is proud to be a part of [Arts Through It All](#), an effort to support the individuals that power our creative sector. If you can help, we urge you to join us in doing so.



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- Forgo Ticket Refunds
- Donate Today
- Support Colorado Artists

Calling all arts, culture, and scientific non-profits

Today, the SCFD provides funding for nearly 300 organizations across the entire seven county Denver metro area. Is there an organization you love or which you are a part of that is a good fit to join the SCFD family? The first step is applying for eligibility and this process is open now through the fall. [Visit our website to learn more about what it takes to qualify](#) and see if an organization you love can receive support.

Make an Impact through Leadership Arts 2020-21

Applications are open for Colorado Business Committee for the Arts' Leadership Arts program. For over 20 years, CBCA has built a pipeline of leaders in the arts through Leadership Arts. It is the only program of its kind focused on arts and culture and board service in Colorado. This unique nine-month program attracts professionals from diverse backgrounds, explores timely topics in the arts sector, and builds the necessary skills to be effective nonprofit leaders and arts advocates. Strengthen your leadership skills, deepen your understanding of nonprofit governance, explore the vibrancy of Colorado's cultural sector and network with like-minded individuals through Leadership Arts. CBCA is planning a combined virtual and in-person program this year for broader reach and deeper engagement. The program runs September 2020 through May 2021. [Applications are due August 14. Scholarships are also available with preference given to candidates from underrepresented or historically marginalized communities.](#)

SCFD Board of Directors news

The SCFD is governed by a board of directors with representation from district member counties Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson. The board oversees district funding and ensures the district is running the way voters intended. The board meets eight times a year and all meetings are open to the public.

- The next board meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Aug. 27. Information about joining the virtual meeting will be posted ahead of the meeting date.

[See the full calendar of 2020 board meetings and information.](#)