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### **April Lanotte '95**

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To April Lanotte, limits are non-existent, especially when they're applied to her profession.

At the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (UCCS), Ms. Lanotte works as a senior instructor

for the UCCSTeach program and instructs science and math majors through educational pedagogy courses. In addition to her work at UCCS, Ms. Lanotte is an educational specialist for NASA-Langley Research Center. In this role, she develops and edits aeronautics curriculum and guides teacher professional development and outreach.

"The foundational, well-rounded approach to education at La Roche helped me succeed in my professional and personal life in so many ways," Ms. Lanotte said. "I never felt limited by one degree, or one focus, but was instead encouraged to be a whole person."

Since 2008, she has been a member of the M.I.T. Network of Educators in Science and Technology and was elected to the board of directors in 2013. Ms. Lanotte also serves as a guiding member of the Colorado Department of Education's STEM Think Tank.

Ms. Lanotte, who earned a bachelor of arts in English Language and Literature from La Roche in 1995, said the College had a profound impact on her life, especially the diverse student body.

She said, "For a small-town girl like me, it was eye-opening to spend time with new friends whose lives were so incredibly different and often difficult. We were the same and different at the same time. I will never forget what I learned about the world by being a part of theirs."

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