

Business ethics chair at RMC established

■ Economics professor is the 1st to hold position

A new position on business ethics honoring the memory of a Billings bentonite and manufacturing businessman has been established at Rocky Mountain College.

The Keith Brown Chair of Business Ethics was announced this week. The endowment, initially funded by the Brown family, was created to honor Brown's legacy of leadership on the personal, community, and professional level, said Arthur H. DeRosier, RMC president.

James "Doc" McDowell, professor of economics, has been named as the first holder of the chair. On the RMC faculty since 1965, McDowell teaches a variety of courses in business and economics, including macro and micro-economics, statistics, history of economics, money and banking, public finance, and international business. He was named to the Keith Brown Chair of Business Ethics for his leadership and years of teaching, administration, and scholarship, according to a news release from the college. As holder of the chair, he will teach a course on business ethics each academic semester.

Brown was born in 1917 and raised in Billings. He graduated from the University of Vermont and then served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He returned to Billings in 1948, and founded a building block manufacturing business.

In 1950, he began the bentonite mining and manufacturing business known now as Wyo-Ben, Inc. He also served on the RMC board of trustees from 1965 to 1976.

He retired from the business in 1984 and remained actively involved as a member of the board of directors until 1991. His counsel on the activities of the business was sought until his death in 1994.

The Keith Brown Chair of Business Ethics

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