



President's Report

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The Community College of Aurora (CCA) provides high-quality instruction and student support services to Aurora and Denver, Colorado. With a vision to aspire to be a college where every student succeeds, CCA is the most diverse college in the State of Colorado. Focused on creating social and economic mobility for its students, the college offers courses on two (2) campuses, online, and through its high school concurrent-enrollment programs. For more information, visit www.ccaurora.edu.

Transform the student experience

Foxy's Mobile Market: Beginning next month the Office of Student Advocacy in partnership with [SECOR Cares](#) will launch a new wellness initiative, Foxy's Mobile Market. Foxy's Mobile Market is a FREE mobile market for CCA students and employees offering fresh produce, meats, dairy, bread, canned and dry goods, and desserts. The mobile market will visit both campuses twice a month and can provide up to 10 days' worth of food. This initiative is critical in student success as 51% of college students face food insecurity nationwide, and government issued emergency benefits will subside as early as March 2023.

BetterMynd: CCA has extended its partnership with [BetterMynd](#), an online therapy platform, for students to access free, short-term online counseling services, and self-help resources and group workshops for the Spring 2023 semester.

Graduation Increase: CCA's Registrar, Kristen Cusack, was able to use CCCS Congo's reports to write a script to find students who are eligible to graduate but did not file for graduation. As of January 18th, this project has increased the number of fall graduates by 10%, resulting in an increase in 45 more students for spring commencement.

Transform our own work experience

Division Retreat: On January 13th the Division of Administrative Services held its first retreat with CCA's VP of Administration and CFO Lynne Winchell. The retreat was conducted offsite at Visit Aurora in the Stanley Marketplace. The division completed a SWOT analysis, discussed staffing issues/concerns, and reflected on the first six months of the 2023 fiscal year and discussed plans for the remainder of the 2023 fiscal year and beyond.

Employee Recognition: CCA selected its four, 2022 employees of the year and presented the awards on Friday, January 20th at our all-college Strategic Planning Summit.

- Candace McClelland Feiler, Faculty of the Year;
- Sydney Pedregen, Administrative/Professional Technical Employee of the Year;
- Stephanie Agner, Classified Employee of the Year;
- Eed Cefkin, CCA Instructor of the Year. ESL instructor, Eed (Piangjai) Cefkin, received the Instructor of the Year

In addition to the annual end of year recognition, CCA is intentionally seeking other professional organizations, both locally and nationally, for which to nominate our employees for recognition of their excellent work within the greater higher education community.

On Friday, we also honored four additional faculty and instructors for their work in their disciplines by submitting them for [NISOD](#) Excellence Awards (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development).

- Beth Lattone, Chuda Baral, Jason Ray and Rich Italiano have been named as winners of the NISOD Excellence Awards and will be recognized on a national level.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

Upcoming Event: CCA's Recruitment and Concurrent Enrollment are hosting Future Fox Days in March to increase CE conversion for CCA. Specifically targeting Ascent students

Behavioral Health Micro-Credentials Launch: We are excited to announce the launch of our Behavioral Health pathways at CCA, starting with four micro-credentials: *Patient Navigator*, *Peer Support Specialist*, *Behavioral Health Associate*, and *Behavioral Health +*. These industry validated trainings lead to entry level positions within Behavioral Health as well as stack into educational and occupational paths to advance students' social and economic mobility. With scholarship funding available for our first cohorts, students will have the opportunity to get into their careers faster and with less overall educational cost

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

Enrollment Success: The Center for Adult Education has worked hard increasing their enrollment numbers for the Winter term that started Jan. 17th.

- ESL: 592 students
- Citizenship: 39 students
- HSE (GED): 162 students

New Translation Services: This January, the DEI team launched a new online platform with DC Language Solutions that provides access to interpretation and translation services. This new service allows access to on-demand interpreters for phone calls accommodating up to 4 parties in over 200+ languages, American Sign Language interpreters and includes document translation in 250+ languages and Braille. For events, programs, or meetings, we also have the option of booking an on-site or remote interpreter. This new service allows us to better serve our extremely diverse student population and their families in the language of their preference.

Commitment to HSI Designation: The HSI Task Force team continues to make progress in examining processes and making recommendations to improve the success and well-being of our Hispanic/Latinx students, and all our students, while moving towards “Servingness”. This January they completed their crosswalk between the HSI Servingness Model and the ATD ICAT Framework to create a model that incorporates both and strategically informs on the priorities needed to move HSI Designation forward. Also, in the same effort of moving HSI designation forward, a team is currently working on gathering the data needed to annually report to Department of Education to maintain HSI Federal Designation by the February deadline.