



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

- CCA had another successful year at Great Sand Dunes National Park for the NASA COSGC Colorado Robotics Challenge. There was beautiful weather for our team, the Digi-Droids, to showcase their autonomous sand rover. Their rover was able to traverse 5 out of 5 courses with success, thanks in “large” part to their monster foam wheels. On April 27th they will present their journey to the COSGC Statewide Undergraduate Research Symposium at Front Range Community College. Congratulations to *Alex Gallardo, Samantha Anfield, Sohan Lamsal, Abigail Smith, and Isaiah Gelo* for their hard work over the past 6 months to make their visions into reality!
- The Visual and Performing Arts Student Interdisciplinary Showcase is this Thursday, April 25th in the Fine Arts Building on the CenterTech Campus. Gallery showing and reception featuring visual art, graphic design, and digital photography from 4:30-6:30PM. Showcase in the theater featuring music and acting performances begin at 7:00PM
- Visual and Performing Arts successfully closed the production of *The Bottle Tree*, by Beth Kander on April 20th. As guest entered the Larry D. Carter Theater, they were treated to light dancing through colorful glass bottles atop the ends of curving wire branches - a stunning sculpture of a bottle tree towering prominently in the space. A tradition in the deep south, it is believed that colorful glass bottles hung on the ends of tree limbs allowing the sunlight to shine through will distract and lure evil spirits into the bottles entrapping them and protecting the home. The howling sound of wind captured is said to be the moaning and howling of the ghosts to escape. Throughout this stunning play, this tree holds a prominent role in the life of the main character, Allie, as she navigates personal ghosts in the wake of a school shooting committed by her brother.

The CCA theatre students and creative team, under the brilliant direction of Julie Rada, Interim Chair of Visual and Performing Arts, have created a piece of theatre that is nothing short of transcendent. The captivating performances, integrative and immersive technology (playful projection design and live video feed imbedded documentary), beautifully crafted set, stunning lighting, colorful costumes, clever props and enchanting sound allow the audience to enter Allie's world to be put in touch with the human side of tragedy. Despite the difficult subject of gun violence, the play is filled with beauty - moments of levity, humor, raw and human vulnerability, young love, parents love coupled with self - doubt and a level of artistry that will truly take your breath away.

- PTK Induction & Graduation Celebration CCA held its annual Alpha Pi Pi Chapter induction ceremony for students on April 16th. In total 70 students have accepted their membership into Phi Theta Kappa, Alpha Pi Pi Chapter in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Transform our work experience

- Erica Hines has been selected as Chief HR Officer to lead the HR team. In addition to this, HR is currently in process of being restructured and positions have been posted to fill vacancies to best optimize the division to support the CCA community.
- HR has launched a streamlined acquisition process which has a target time to fill all positions within 30 business days from time of posting to time of offer with plans of re-designing onboarding next on the docket for processes to streamline.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

- CCA's new Center for STEM, Power Mechanics and Applied Technologies building foundations are nearly complete and backfilled. Underground plumbing work has started and will continue through next week.
- Transit Assistance Grant: The Office of Student Advocacy and the CCA Foundation have been awarded a RTD Transit Assistance Grant in the amount of \$22,440.00. This is the equivalent of 816 standard 10-ride ticket books, valued at \$27.50. This grant will continue to bridge the gap in transportation security for CCA students through the Fall 2024 semester.
- CCA Day of Service: The Division of Student Success held its spring Day of Service on April 17th. Over 60 volunteers came together to support CCA student service projects and community organizations. Volunteers participated in building CapriSun Rockets at Highline Community Elementary, compiling hygiene kits and making PB & J sandwiches at Ready to Work Aurora, making kindness kits with A Little Help, cleaning up the Highline Canal, and hosting a Community Health Fair at CCA's SIM Center.

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

- SGA Election Results: The Division of Student Success is excited to announce next year's Student Government Association team.

2024-2025 Student Government Association:

- President: Alex Gallardo
- Vice President: Samantha Anfield
- Secretary: Meried Amare
- Treasurer: Daniela Valenciana
- State Student Advisory Council Representative: Akelia Reddie
- Senator of Academic Success and STEM: Daphne Perez
- Senator of Academic Success and Career & Technical Education: Kate Torres
- Senator of Academic Success and Innovative Arts: Kim Petersen
- Senator of Student Success: Eunice Muanda

In addition, we are still actively recruiting for Senator of Academic Success in General Education, Senator of Academic Success in Concurrent Enrollment, and Senator of Academic Success and Instructional Support. To celebrate the success of the 2023-2024 SGA team, a Passing of the Torch Ceremony was held on April 11th