



President's Report

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CCA's Alpha Pi Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Receives a Distinguished Honors in Action Theme Award

CCA's Alpha Pi Pi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) received a Distinguished Honors in Action Theme Award for their project entitled "Expressions of Truth" at their Regional Conference held on March 25th & 26th. The Distinguished Honors in Action Theme Award recognizes a PTK Chapter with the highest scores in each of the seven required categories for their annual Honors in Action Project. Through support of their advisor, Sydney Pedregon, [CCA's Alpha Pi Pi Chapter](#) used the 2022 theme, To the Seventh Generation: Inheritance and Legacy, to uncover perspectives that not all "truth" considers the best interests of all people, and that "truth" can be shifted to benefit only certain groups. To emphasize their point, they investigated the legalization of marijuana and how the law can favor or criminalize different groups of people.



CCA Co-hosts Health Career Fair

On March 5, Community College of Aurora and The Medical Center of Aurora (TMCA) co-hosted a second education career fair at The Medical Center of Aurora hospital. This career and education-focused fair was designed to invite community members to learn about different health careers and programs at CCA that prepare for those careers. Featured careers included nursing, nurse aid, phlebotomy and related lab positions, and respiratory therapy.

The CCA and the TMCA teams promoted scholarships, explained tuition reimbursement opportunities for employees and demonstrated common skills used in the featured positions. Over 50 people registered to attend with 22 student inquires and students enrolling and



applying to CCA. With the continued strong demand for health care careers, CCA and TMCA share the goal of increasing career and educational opportunities in Aurora area.



Author Helen Thorpe Presents to CCA Students and Employees

On Thursday, March 3, CCA welcomed author and journalist, Helen Thorpe. Ms. Thorpe is the author of “The Newcomers”, “Soldier Girls”, and “Just Like Us”. Originally from Ireland, she has spent her career exploring the issues of undocumented students and refugee resettlement. Ms. Thorpe shared stories of her work with immigrants and refugees, as well as her own experience of becoming a naturalized U.S. citizen. Following her presentation, audience members, including students and teachers, had the opportunity to ask questions about Ms. Thorpe’s experiences in journalism and as an author. Her presentation was hosted by the Center for Adult Education and the College Preparatory ESL program.



CCA Visits ACC’s Sturm Collaboration Campus

On January 28, representatives from CCA toured Arapahoe Community College’s Sturm Collaboration Campus in Castle Rock. CCA staff met with ACC’s Director of Capital Construction, Julia Fitzpatrick, to learn how technology is integrated into the building for inspiration for CCA’s Student Centre remodel. The Student Centre will be re-envisioned to transform the student experience by creating an all-inclusive enrollment process with the integration of technology. [SmithGroup](#) is overseeing the remodel of the Student Centre. Re-construction is expected to begin mid-March.



CCA Student Introduces First Lady Dr. Jill Biden

CCA's Integrated Nursing Pathway student and scholarship recipient, Lucy Rivera, introduced First Lady Dr. Jill Biden at a DNC event in Denver on March 25. The two connected over their support for military families and their passion to end Cancer. Lucy Rivera is an Aurora Gives Scholarship recipient, CCA Foundation's premiere scholarship that creates a path to a debt-free associates degree. As an Aurora Public Schools (APS) student, Lucy started her CCA experience through concurrent enrollment and then with the ASCENT program. Born in raised in Aurora, Lucy is enrolled in CCA's Integrated Nursing Program and aspires to serve as a nurse at Children's Hospital's oncology department. She will graduate from CCA this May and begin the last two years of her BSN at the University of Colorado Anschutz Campus' College of Nursing in June.