



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

- On April 19th CCA introduced its new website to the public. The site was developed from a lens of student retention and has been reimagined as a tool to drive enrollment.
- **Student Involvement**
CCA's Division of Student Success has successfully elected and welcomed 12 new students to serve on this upcoming year's Student Government Association.

The Alpha Pi Pi Chapter has received 5-star chapter status for the 4th year in a row!

- CCA's Division of Enrollment Management and Pathways Success has begun early conversion of over 100 Aurora ISD and Cherry Creek ISD concurrent enrollment students through Future Fox Days.
- CCA's Enrollment FTE is currently experiencing a 6.5% increase for Summer and a 24.8% increase for Fall at this time, which is the effects of newly implemented proactive recruitment and retention strategies.
- Throughout this academic year the NASA Space Grant program at CCA has had four student project teams, consisting of 14 total students, working feverishly to build and execute impressive engineering and scientific research experiments.

Transform our own work experience

- The Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) in collaboration with staff from Human Resources, Institutional Research, and Fiscal Affairs submitted the annual Institutional Update to Higher Learning Commission. The submission was recognized and accepted by HLC. This is an annual compliance requirement by HLC.
- The Community College of Aurora (CCA) Cabinet approved the Guideline Routine Update Process. This routine update process was put in place to ensure a regular cycle of review, renew, and update of college guidelines. The College recently completed a review, renew, and update of 280+ guidelines.
- On April 23rd CCA participated in “A Day of Service.” The college had over 50 volunteers attend and participate in the 2023 Spring Community College of Aurora CCA Day of Service.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

- CCA received approval from the Colorado Department of Higher Education and Capital Development Committee to seek bonds to expand the new Center for STEM, Power Mechanics, and Applied Technology Building. Request for Proposal for tax-exempt bonds was posted April 20th and are due May 10th. CCA will seek spending authority for these funds at the June Board meeting.
- The Office of Institutional Research has successfully signed off on all IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System) reports. IPEDS data collection ran from August through April, and we completed 11 reports covering most areas of institutional and student information. By complying with this reporting requirement as a Title IV institution, we will continue to receive federal funding.
- For the past few years, CCA has participated in The Model United Nations Conference in New York which allows delegates to apply theoretical knowledge of international relations and of the United Nations system in a practical, hands-on setting. Through preparation and participation in NMUN, students develop transferable skills such as leadership, negotiation, collaboration, public speaking, researching, and technical writing; advance a responsibility to be actively involved in global issues; and enhance their understanding of the structure of the international system and challenges of global diplomacy. In April, our team (assigned to represent Guinea Bissau and the following committees) attended the 2023 NMUN conference with over 135 delegations and over 2300 delegates, from around the world. Under the guidance and preparation of Dr. Bobby Pace, Elizabeth Hirsh, Dr. Paul Langston, Stephanie Walsh and valuable pre-conference public speaking feedback from leadership, our team not only performed well but was also awarded a Distinguished Delegation designation at the conference. This is the second highest designation

possible and arguably the most politically historical and important international venue from which the honor can be conferred. The award is also significant due to the level of competition at the conference. Our team was able to outperform major universities represented from around the world and the only community college to receive an award.

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

- CCA's Security team began work to roll out necessary Active Shooter training. A PowerPoint presentation has been generated based from one created by Greg Busch with CCCS Security Team. Once the training has been reviewed and approved by President Brownlee, the team will get trainings scheduled for the Fall semester.
- In collaboration, Trio and Title V have been providing professional development training to 10 students to prepare them to represent CCA at the 2023 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE). This training is focused on the following topics: financial literacy, identity development & exploration, networking, professional dress and Title IX. Additionally, through partnership with the community-based organization, Dress for Success, students will be provided several items of new business attire to wear at the conference at no cost to the student.
- TRIO SSS and TRIO ESL held an End of Year Recognition Ceremony for TRIO SSS/TRIO ESL participants this past Friday (April 21, 2023). This ceremony recognized the 73 graduates and provided awards to students with high g.p.a. achievers, award nominees and winners, student employees, and students who were selected to attend the NCORE conference. The awards provided included:
 - Radiant Fox Award (2),
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 - Tenacious Fox Award (2), and Fox Spotlight Awards (4)
 - 6 Award Nominees
 - 10 NCORE attendees (6 from TRIO ESL and 4 from Title V)
 - 4 TRIO Office student employees
 - 40 Dean's List Eligible students
 - 21 Vice President's List eligible students
 - 35 President's List eligible students
- This week, April 26th, 27th and 28th we will implement in person and virtual Achieving the Dream (ATD) Capacity Cafes. The purpose of these sessions aims to engage all CCA employees in reviewing the results from the ATD ICAT Assessment with the purpose of identifying the strengths and opportunities for improvement in the seven capacity areas: 1) Leadership & Vision; 2) Data & Technology; 3) Equity; 4) Engagement & Communication; 5) Teaching & Learning; 6) Strategy & Planning; and 7) Policies & Practices. CCA Employees that will participate are from across the institution in all areas and all divisions – 162 people total:
 - April 26th virtual morning session – 58 people

- April 26th afternoon in person session – 27 people
- April 27th in person morning session – 43 people
- April 28th virtual morning session – 34 people