



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

- The National Model United Nations (MUN) Delegation will be leaving on April 1st to attend the national conference in New York. This year our students were assigned the country of Guinea Bissau. MUN annually draws participants from more than 130 UN Member States to address current global issues. MUN experiential learning programs, including the world's largest university-level Model UN, and provide students with a forum to hone skills in diplomacy, negotiation, critical thinking, compromise, public speaking, writing, and research. Students benefit from the MUN longstanding partnership with the UN and utilize simulation procedural rules developed decades ago with UNITAR. CCA has participated in this conference for the past few years and the experience has provided our student the opportunity to grow as leaders and demonstrate strengths that distinguish them amongst their peers.
- The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) just approved three new degrees for CCA: Associate of Engineering Science in Civil Engineering, an Associate of Engineering Science in Civil Engineering, and an Associates of Engineering Science, General. These three courses will allow our students, interested in engineering, to have a variety of transfer opportunities and will be the first three new degrees to be housed next year in our CTEP department (Computer, Technology, Engineering, and Physics department) and of course will play a central part in the programming of our new building.
- An increased demand is being seen in our CNA program for the summer, which is leading us to increase our section numbers from prior semesters.

- The Division of Student Success will be celebrating our COSI & PepsiCo Scholars at our End of the Year Celebration on April 25, 2023. The invitation has been extended to CCA Internal Partners and External Partners: COSI BTW, FWYS & CPP Partners, Denver Scholarship Foundation and PepsiCo Partners. We are anticipating approximately 140 attendees.
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Transform our own work experience

- CCA's Division of Human Resources and Personnel Success and is working on releasing the CCA college climate survey results and scheduling group meetings to allow employees the chance to discuss the results, with a focus on how we can continue to make improvements through identifying solutions in areas noted within the survey.
- The Community College of Aurora is gearing up for CCA Day of Service on April 13, 2023! This has been a Community College of Aurora tradition, but since the pandemic, we have been able to hold a day of service. We have 6 different hosts sights that we are excited to send our CCA employees and students to volunteer at. The sights include:
 - Cleaning of the highline canal
 - Bag making for Project Angel Heart
 - Food Packaging for Food Bank of the Rockies
 - Cleaning of the Kitchen for Ronald McDonald House
 - Truck packing for SECOR Cares
 - Room remodel for Room Redux

This Day of Service, we are giving back to our Aurora and Denver Community!

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

- CCA is hosting two Future Fox Days to convert graduating CE students to full-time CCA students:
 - On March 8th we hosted 47 students from Cherry Creek School District
 - On March 30th we anticipate hosting 105 students from Aurora Public Schools
 - CCA is implementing its first ever program specific communication plans now that CIP codes allow for an emphasis
 - Pilot programs are Diesel, EMT, CAN, and INP
 - This will allow students to receive direct messaging from CCA about program requirements, enrollment documents, and improve student onboarding
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Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence

- The COSI Team at CDHE has offered the Second Chance Scholarship to Jordan Harper. The scholarship will support folks who wish to pursue a college degree and have been released from the Division of Youth Services (DYS) commitment facility within the last 5 years. Scholars may be eligible for up to \$5,000 each year. The CCA COSI Team will support Jordan by providing wrap around services through personal connections, student engagement opportunities, and connection to resources to support them inside and outside of the classroom.
- The Division of Administrative Services is slowly filling critical roles for assistant controller, procurement & contract coordinator and budget manager. These positions have taken over 4 months to fill.
- CCA was notified that our request for funding through Senator Hickenlooper is moving on to next steps in consideration. CCA provided additional details on a \$1.5 million dollar request for construction costs, and \$1.5 million dollars for FF&E, both for the addition to the STEM building we are in final stages of approval with DHE and CDC.