



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

- **Tuesday, August 2nd – [CCA Host Colorado Attorney General Candidate Forum](#)**
The Community College of Aurora had the opportunity to host the Town Hall Candidate Forum for individuals vying for the post of Colorado Attorney General. This event was coordinated in collaboration with Senator Rhonda Fields. This is yet another experiential learning opportunity for CCA's students.
- **Wednesday, August 15th – [Groundbreaking Ceremony Announced](#)**
The groundbreaking for CCA's newest building ([Center for STEM, Power Mechanics, and Applied Technologies](#)) was announced to the community. This will be the first new building in almost 2 decades for the Community College of Aurora. The building will house diesel power mechanics, engineering, cyber security, renewable energy, and other STEM pathways in math, science, and applied technology.
- **Monday, August 22nd – [2022 Welcome Week](#)**
CCA's Department of Student Life hosted a number of events the first week of the semester to welcome students back to campus. These events included a [Meet the President t-shirt giveaway](#), [Resource Fair](#), and [Drive in Movie Night](#).
- **Friday, August, 19th – [CCA Highlighted on Colorado Dream](#)**
The Community College of Aurora's ESL, Douala, and workforce training programs were highlighted on the Colorado Dream Podcast segment on Education.

Transform our own work experience

- **Monday, August, 1st – [CCA Launches Strategic Hiring Campaign](#)**
CCA's Department of Human Resources and Personnel Success and Strategic Communications Department partnered in August to develop a strategic marketing plan to fill critical roles at the college. We are happy to report that for the month of August CCA onboarded 8 new employees and promoted 8 internal employees into new positions.
- **Wednesday, August, 17th – [Fall Kick off Meeting](#)**
CCA Faculty, Instructors, and Staff came together on Friday, August 17th for the college's annual back to school kick off meeting. During this time. Dr. Brownlee address the college and laid out this year's vision, "Discovering our Next Era of Service."
- **Thursday, August, 18th – [Faculty Fall Welcome](#)**
CCA's VP of Academic Success Dr. Bobby Pace held a welcome back rally and meeting for all of the college's Faculty and Instructors. During this time Dr. Pace reiterated Dr. Brownlee's charges and created a culture of excitement for the fall.
- **Monday, August, 20th – [CCA Honors Tenure Employees](#)**
The Community College of Aurora honored all of its employees during the month of August. Special recognition was paid to 3 employees who have been with CCA for over 30 years.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships

- **Monday, August, 8th – Friday August 12th – Great Day Colorado Feature**
For the entire week CCA was Featured on Great Day Colorado.
 - Part 1 – [Dr. Brownlee discusses CCA's commitment to social and economic mobility.](#)
 - Part 2 – [Dr. Angela Marquez discusses CCA's commitment to its Dei work.](#)
 - Part 3 – [CCA's Outreach and Recruitment team talks about the application process.](#)
 - Part 4 – [CCA's Colorado Film School program highlight.](#)
 - Part 5 – [CCA announces upcoming groundbreaking and capital campaign.](#)
- **Tuesday, August 9th – [Dr. Brownlee appears on Mile High Living](#)**
CCA's President Dr. Mordecai Brownlee appeared on Mile High Living to discuss his first year with the college, the colleges commitment to social and economic mobility, and CCA's upcoming groundbreaking.
- **Thursday, August 4th – [Aurora Public School Back to School Kick off](#)**
For the 4th consecutive year CCA's Recruitment and Outreach Team partnered with the local Aurora Public School Back to School Fair at the Aurora Town Center. During this event CCA's Concurrent Enrollment and Advising team were present to onboard, register, and interact with perspective students.

- **Tuesday, August, 16th – Dr. Brownlee Addresses the Aurora Public School Board of Education**
In preparation for CCA's September 19ths groundbreaking for the colleges new Center for STEM, Power Mechanics, and Applied Technology, Dr. Brownlee addressed the Aurora Public School Board to secure a partnership that would allow the new building to allocate square footage in the new building; creating a partnership for Colorado's PTechs.
- **Tuesday, August 23rd – CCA Hires Inaugural Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
After a nationwide search, the Community College of Aurora is proud to announce the promotion of Dr. Susa Hua into the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as the new Director of DEI. Dr. Hua will lead the college's development of CCA's Cultural Center. The Cultural Center will create safe, validating, gathering space for students of diverse identities, 2.) Build community among students, faculty and staff, 3.) Provide translation services, and 4.) deliver programs and services designed to increase student engagement and support academic achievement.
- **Tuesday, August, 30th – Boettcher Foundation and CCA Announce New Partnership**
The Boettcher Foundation recently awarded the Community College of Aurora a seventy thousand dollar grant as a contribution to its capital campaign. A press release in forthcoming in the coming days. The contribution furthers the organizations mission of "giving back to Colorado and investing in Colorado's top students."

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

- **Month of August, – Extended Hours**
In preparation for the fall semester, CCA's recruitment and outreach, advising, financial aid, and pathways advisors held extended hours on the weekend and also offered a virtual component to ensure that a maximum number of students were serviced during peak hours.