



## Community College of Denver

### President's Report Dr. Marielena P. DeSanctis

November 2022

#### Transform the Student Experience

- **Equivalency of Transfer Task Force** has been charged and held their first meeting during the month of November. The Task Force is made up of student service and academic leaders from CCD, MSU-Denver, and CU-Denver to review the transfer of courses between the institutions and recommend an action plan for minimizing barriers for students, including but not limited to, the academic curriculum aligned work needed to resolve course equivalency deficits, as applicable.
- **Auraria Hunger and Homelessness Awareness** From November 14 to 16 the Auraria Campus institutions held its 8<sup>th</sup> annual community event which included community education, resource connections, food pantry resources, free cooking classes, Lunette Cup giveaways, and Share Meals App sign-ups.
- **Share Meals App Launched** Through a tri-institutional effort led by the Auraria Sustainable Campus Program, CCD participated in the launch of the Share Meals App. Share Meals is an app and website that connects event organizers with leftover food to hungry students. This initiative not only feeds our community members, but it helps reduce food waste from our many campus events.



How it works is event organizers who have leftover food from an event make a posting to the app/website of how many leftovers are available, how long the food is available, and where to go. From there, students who are on campus will receive a notification telling them where they can go to pick up a meal.

#### Transform Our Own Workforce Experience

- **Monthly Match Returns!** CCD's Center for Workforce Initiatives and Human Resources re-launched our Monthly Match. This program helps connect our community by getting to know fellow staff and faculty members better.

- **Helping Employees with Student Loan Debt** On October 13, 2022, CCD hosted a student loan debt clinic to learn more about the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) federal program and how to take advantage of an important federal waiver that expired on October 31, 2022.

### Create Education Without Barriers Through Transformational Partnerships

- **CCD and Green Flower Cyber Monday Deal** CCD and Green Flower partnered up to offer a Cyber Monday \$100 discount on the cost for enrollment for students interested in any of the three fully online non-credit certificates in Advanced Manufacturing Agent, Advanced Dispensary Associate, and Advanced Cultivation Technician. Upon completion of a certificate, students gain access to an employer network. Learn more about these certificates on our website at [cannabiseducation.ccd.edu](https://cannabiseducation.ccd.edu).
- **Climb Hire + CCD** On November 3 students and community members joined Climb Hire CEO, Nitzan Pelman, Climber alumni, and CCD leaders to learn how they can build skills and social capital. Climber alumni shared about their experience of how the program helped them earn a Salesforce credential and a high-wage job through a supportive learning community. This employer valued-credential attainment opportunity is open to students and community members.
- **Mexican Consulate Ventanilla Celebration** On October 13<sup>th</sup> CCD hosted the Mexican Consulate in our Confluence Building to celebrate our partnership on the Ventanilla program. The celebration was a success complete with a Mariachi band, a tour of Casa Mayan, and delicious food.

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

- In late October, CCD's Provost, Dr. Gillian McKnight-Tutein, received the **Bernice Joseph Leadership Award** by the Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders  
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- On November 22, CCD's Bilingual Recruiter, Amy Hernandez, received the **October Colorado Council Admissions Professional of the Month** award for her outstanding service to education! This award is given to Admissions counselors who go above and beyond in their daily work to support the mission of assisting high school students with making informed decisions regarding post-secondary education.



- In January 2023, CCD's Teaching Excellence and Learning department will start offering staff the opportunity to participate in the professional development course "**Fostering a Culture of Belonging**" (FCB) offered by the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE). This course supports our strategic priority to cultivate a climate of inclusion through an intentional commitment to equality and diversity.

ACUE's courses address a comprehensive set of evidence-based practices shown to promote student success. In ACUE's FCB micro-credential course, course-takers learn practices for developing students' sense of belonging, ensuring materials are accessible, developing an appreciation for diverse viewpoints, understanding how diversity aids in innovation, and setting expectations for productive dialogue.

- CCD leaders, including Dr. DeSanctis, Dr. McKnight-Tutein, Kristina Retana, Angelica Rueda, and Jessica Lanfranco, took on EAB's **CONNECTED 22!** CONNECTED brings together leaders from across higher education—community colleges, R-1 institutions, publics, privates, small colleges, and large universities—to experience pivotal new student success research, best practices from peers, and innovative ideas from special guests. The team discussed equity best practices, heard from experts across the industry, and spoke with leaders from other institutions to hear about their lessons learned. The team is looking forward to implementing some lessons learned as we continue our work in Moon Shot for Equity, Pathways 2.0, Navigate, our coordinated care network, and so much more.

## CCD In the News



### **\$10.9 million grant to support underrepresented Denver-metro engineering students**

[denvergazette.com](http://denvergazette.com)

In an effort to boost opportunity for underrepresented populations who wish to enter scientific fields, the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Naval Research has granted \$10.9 million to five Denver-metro community college and two universities. The...

### **Community College of Denver Awarded Grant to Meet High Demand for Skilled Workers in STEM Industry | YourHub**

[yourhub.denverpost.com](http://yourhub.denverpost.com)

The \$10.9M grant will be used to address the challenge of STEM participation across the country. Community College of Denver (CCD) was one of a handful of Denver area institutions selected by the Department of Defense (DOD) for a \$10.9 million grant ...

### **CU to oversee \$11M in fed grants for engineering students**

[www.timescall.com](http://www.timescall.com)

The University of Colorado will help administer a \$10.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's Office of Naval Research to be used to help increase the number of engineering students f...



### **GUEST COLUMN: Building Hispanic wealth is investing in Denver**

[gazette.com](http://gazette.com)

An important element to creating opportunities for Hispanic-Latinos to be successful and build wealth, whether as a business owner or employee, is ensuring young people recognize higher education ...



### **Denver students' archaeological dig uncovers past of Auraria campus**

[www.denverpost.com](http://www.denverpost.com)

Students' archaeological dig peers into Auraria campus's past as Denver's oldest neighborhood Items found are intended to be housed in a forthcoming museum about the displaced Aurarians



### **Archaeological dig to uncover legacy of displaced Aurarians**

[www.9news.com](http://www.9news.com)

"Having students that have a connection to this area is really important," said Dr. Michael Kolb, an MSU Denver anthropology professor. "It can tell us a little bit about the legacy of the ...

**MEDIA ADVISORY: CCCS and PepsiCo Foundation Celebrate**

[www.globenewswire.com](http://www.globenewswire.com)

About CCCS. The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) is the state's largest system of higher education and workforce development, delivering thousands of programs to over 125,000 students ...

**Colorado Universities Dive Into Cannabis Education | Westword**

[www.westword.com](http://www.westword.com)

School is back in session, and so are a plethora of cannabis courses offered at Colorado universities. This fall, colleges including University of Denver, University of Colorado Boulder ...

**Community College of Denver Announces Partnership with Green Flower to Provide Opportunities in Rapidly Growing Cannabis Industry - prnewswire.com**

[www.prnewswire.com](http://www.prnewswire.com)

Founded in 2014, Green Flower is the industry leader in cannabis education, empowering thousands of consumers, regulators, and professionals with the knowledge they need to succeed in the emerging ...

**Student's Local Roots Led Her to Nurse-Midwifery Program**

[news.cuanschutz.edu](http://news.cuanschutz.edu)

From a strictly geographical standpoint, Stephanie Brooks, RN, BSN, hasn't ventured very far. But in terms of her life, education, and career, she's explored many new and exciting places.

**Downtown Denver's Larimer Street Bridge will be demolished and rebuilt over 300 days - denverite.com**

[denverite.com](http://denverite.com)

The Larimer Street Bridge is slated to be demolished and rebuilt, Oct. 3, 2022. Kyle Harris / Denverite The news of the bridge construction project comes as

Denver's planning department ...

**PHOTOS: Excavation of the Ninth Street Historic Park reaches the halfway mark**

[red.msudenver.edu](http://red.msudenver.edu)

Throughout the fall semester, Anthropology students and professors from Metropolitan State University of Denver, University of Colorado Denver and Community College of Denver are excavating a site on the Ninth Street Historic Park to learn more about...



**Funding roundup – Community College Daily**

[www.ccdaily.com](http://www.ccdaily.com)

Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) and its partners will use a \$2.9 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to increase the number of community health workers in west Michigan.. GRCC is partnering with Cherry Health, Tr...

**Enrollment trends new and old emerge from pandemic**

[www.insidehighered.com](http://www.insidehighered.com)

Enrollment seems to be a mixed bag this fall as preliminary numbers roll in from institutions and systems across the country. While some are reporting record first-year classes and enrollment increases, others face stunted growth or worsening decline...

**CCCS and Colleges Rack Up Regional Marketing and Communications Awards**

[cccs.edu](http://cccs.edu)

The Colorado Community College System (CCCS) and several CCCS colleges won prestigious Medallion Awards at the annual National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 4 conference, held in Houston, Texas last week.. The NCMPR Meda...

**Unlocking college aid: making the FAFSA less daunting**

[www.cbsnews.com](http://www.cbsnews.com)

"The FAFSA is a huge step. It's that very first step in the process of affording and paying for college, whether that be a two year, a four year certificate or technical degree etc," Omega said.

**Guest column: Celebrating the contributions of workers with disabilities**

[www.broomfielddenterprise.com](http://www.broomfielddenterprise.com)

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### Putting 'Digital Equity' Into the Equation on EdTech Deals

[www.chronicle.com](http://www.chronicle.com)

Putting equity at the fore in edtech-college partnerships. At Educause last week, I was excited to moderate a discussion exploring the digital divide.



### PHOTOS: The Auraria Campus celebrates Veterans Day

[red.msudenver.edu](http://red.msudenver.edu)

Metropolitan State University of Denver, Community College of Denver and University of Colorado Denver celebrated Veterans Day with a ceremony honoring men and women who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

### Willow Industries Appoints Carly Bader as Manager of Science

[www.prnewswire.com](http://www.prnewswire.com)

Experienced microbiologist and cannabis scientist joins the company's science team from SC Labs. DENVER, Nov. 2, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Willow Industries, the leader in cannabis kill step and ...



### CCCS Colleges Recognized at Annual Apprenticeship Awards Event

[cccs.edu](http://cccs.edu)

Representatives from the Community College of Denver (CCD) and Front Range Community College (FRCC) earned coveted Apprenticeship Awards for their outstanding accomplishments scaling "earn while you learn" training programs. Hosted by the Colorado De...



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A \$10.9 million U.S. Department of Defense grant will create a consortium to build defined engineering pathways for underrepresented students. The Denver Metro Engineering Consortium (DMEC) will include the Community College of Denver

(CCD) and Community College of Aurora,.....



### DELTA DENTAL OF COLORADO FOUNDATION AWARDS NEARLY \$11 MILLION TO ORGANIZATIONS WORKING TO PROMOTE ORAL HEALTH EQUITY ACROSS THE STATE - prnewswire.com

[www.prnewswire.com](http://www.prnewswire.com)

Grantees provide statewide programming and direct services in 59 Colorado counties.. DENVER, Nov. 8, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- Today, Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation (DDCOF) announced nearly \$11 ...



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