



President's Report  
Cliff Richardson  
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***Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.***

**Daniels Scholarship for Juvenile Offenders**

With support from the Daniels Fund, CCD now has a scholarship program to assist juvenile offenders pursue a college education. The financial support provides for the academic and social support needed to help these students succeed.

**Welcome Back Day, Jan. 10**

Over 200 CCD employees attended Welcome Back Day. President Cliff Richardson provided an update on the goals established last fall and a report on the current state at CCD. Special guest Jake Norton, Mount Everest climber and adventurer, gave an inspiring message of perseverance and personal goals.

***Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a highly skilled workforce.***

**Career Communication Class Added**

The Communication Department expanded and is now offering a Career Communication class designed to help students learn how to communicate in the workplace and understand interpersonal workplace dynamics. The Spring 2012, Career Communication class filled to capacity before the semester started.

**American Sign Language (ASL) Courses Added**

Because students are becoming more interested in ASL, CCD has added ASL 122 spring 2012 and ASL 123 summer 2012. CCD continues to respond to the needs of the students.

**Cultural Exchange to China/Our Global Economy**

In December, President Cliff Richardson, Colorado Lt. Gov, Joe Garcia, and CCD Assistant Dean Kaylah Zelig traveled to China as part of a Confucius Institute sponsored cultural exchange. While there, the group attended a conference, visited a university and a high school English class, and was able to visit area historical sites.

### **Student Ambassador Program**

The Office of Recruitment and Student Outreach is organizing a group of experienced, professional and enthusiastic students to serve as Student Ambassadors representing CCD at special events.

*Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.*

### **College Access Scholarships**

Beginning January 1, 2012, 300 full or part-time Pell eligible students that apply may receive a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2012-13 school year. Funded by a Federal College Access Challenge Grant, the scholarship is offered to help positively impact higher education access and retention for Colorado students by encouraging students to apply early for financial aid and providing follow-up assistance as students enter or complete their college goals.

### **Transfer Success Center**

The Denver Transfer Initiative has merged into a new and expanded CCD Transfer Success Center, an enhanced service for students designed to help facilitate transfer to four year institutions.

*Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting edge instruction and educational services.*

### **Urban Male Initiative**

A new program at CCD, the Urban Male Initiative (UMI) was designed to support the academic success of males while providing opportunities for personal and professional growth through leadership development, service learning and intentional investments in life skills.

### **Marie Greenwood Presentation**

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, longtime Denver educator Marie Greenwood spoke about resilience and determination as she broke the color barrier in the Denver Public Schools in 1934 and 1956. Now age 99, Mrs. Greenwood provided a powerful message of courage and resilience.

### **Student Life Text Book Lending Library**

Students who need text books and are unable to purchase them have access to the lending library sponsored by CCD Student Life.

*Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system's institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.*

### **CCD Groundbreaking**

On Thursday, Jan. 12, the much anticipated groundbreaking for the Student Learning and Engagement Building took place. Speakers CCD President Cliff Richardson, CCCS President Nancy McCallin, OZ

Architect Dave Schafer, SGA President Shannon Ausfahl and special guest Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock addressed the crowd of about 150 CCD employees and invited guests. Several groups took turns grabbing a shovel, donning a hard hat, and turning some dirt where the new building will stand. The building is expected to be complete spring 2013, just in time for summer session.

### **Renovation of South Classroom**

As construction begins on the new building, the South Classroom (built in 1975) will start to see renovations during summer 2012. During the first phase, Metro State will vacate South Classroom and CCD faculty and services currently housed in the Plaza Building will move onto the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The current location of the Stop Gap cafeteria will become classrooms and an enhanced food service and a branch of the Auraria Bookstore will be on the first floor. The new building and the re-location of CCD faculty and staff into South is part of the neighborhood concept of the Auraria Campus.