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

Integrated Nursing Pathway Program third cohort starts program
President Alton D. Scales welcomed the third cohort into the Integrated Nursing Pathway Program. Thirty CCA students began their journey to achieve a bachelor’s degree in Nursing from the University of Colorado College of Nursing. The Integrated Nursing Pathway Program, the first partnership in Colorado and among the first in the country incorporates several unique features: It represents a collaborative effort across two academic partners – (University of Colorado College of Nursing and the Community College of Aurora Division of Health Sciences) and five clinical partners. The program addresses the need for increased percentage baccalaureate prepared nurses in the workforce.

CCA library improves access to information for students, staff and faculty
CCA’s Director of Library Services Megan Kenney brought necessary changes this summer to provide access to information. Two new databases were added. Credo is akin to an academic Wiki. America’s Historical Newspapers traces headlines from 1690-2000. Students were given increased access through EBSCO to at least eight other databases. Around 30,000 e-books were made available. Through an integrated library system, more than 540,000 books, DVDs and CDs and three additional e-book collections will be fully accessible in the fall through Aspen Cat, a union catalog that combines the collection of 34 academic and public libraries.

Reception introduces new president to community leaders in Aurora
The Community College of Aurora Foundation hosted a community reception for Alton D. Scales on August 22 in the lobby of Commerce Bank in Aurora. Co-hosts for the event included the City of Aurora, the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, and Aurora Economic Development Council. Mike Quirk, president of CCAF, gave opening remarks welcoming the new president to the college. President Scales introduced himself, highlighting his 30 years of experience in higher education, and his enthusiasm toward this juncture in his career. The new president expressed the importance of partnership and collaboration to further the college mission.

Fall 2012 All-Faculty Meeting held August 23
CCA held the Fall 2012 All-Faculty Meeting at the APS Conference Center on August 23. President Alton D. Scales addressed the faculty as a whole for the first time, inspiring each one to make a difference to those students who need their support to succeed. New faculty were introduced by division deans. The Tom Brosh Award was given to Gary Scott, 15-year Anthropology Instructor. The Performing Arts Department received the Assessment Award, which is given to the academic department that most effectively uses the assessment guidelines.

CCA VP of Instruction presents at COLTT conference at CU
CCA Vice President of Instruction Xeturah Woodley presented “Culturally Relevant Teaching Online” at the Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology Conference at the University of Colorado in August. Woodley’s main points included: Defining culturally relevant teaching practices and arguing for a holistic approach to teaching. Explaining why those practices are important.
especially for teaching students of Color. Providing examples of how to use the pedagogy/theory for the basis of online curriculum design. The impact the use of grounded theory has on learning in online classrooms. Identifying other issues that impact teaching and learning online. And identifying and discussing resources and best practices

**Two leaders at CCA begin Leadership Aurora 2012-13 program**
CCA President Alton D. Scales and Vice President of Student Affairs Betsy Oudenhoven, were chosen for Leadership Aurora, which is a 10-month program that explores the City of Aurora services and develops future leaders for the community.

**CCA welcomes CCA president**
CCA faculty, staff and students welcomed CCA’s fourth president, Alton D. Scales, with a barbeque on July 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Lowry Campus in the Quad. Participants had the opportunity to talk with President Scales.

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

**CCA trains Raytheon employees in cyber security**
Defense and security giant Raytheon is just one major contractor the United States has called upon to ramp up its employee certifications in two prominent cyber security areas over the next five years. The Department of Defense has mandated that 500-600 Raytheon employees have the necessary training in two areas: Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) and Security Plus. In order to ensure their workers are fully up to speed, Raytheon has partnered with CCA’s Computer Science Department who will provide that training. The courses, encompassing about 30 students at a time – though not all tied to the company – are being rolled out in full force this fall after a spring trial run.

*Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.*

**New Student Success Center offers a more collaborative way to move students through support programs**
The new Student Success Center at CCA houses three CCA student support programs who share common goals. The merging of TRiO, First Year Experience and Transitions, and Scholar Support and Programming into one area aids in moving students through a more coordinated and collaborative approach to completion, graduation and transfer. TRiO focuses strictly on first-generation and low-income students. Scholar Support and Programming leans on third-party agencies to provide scholarship funding. First Year Experience and Transitions has a cohort that serves about 60 students focused on transfer opportunities, while also offering student-success courses to all incoming CCA students. About 450 people overall currently are served by the three retention programs.

**CCA TriO students attend initiation into the program**
A group of 65 new fall TRiO students, selected based on need and through a first-time interview process, were initiated into that program Aug. 17. Program requirements and general information were dispensed, and the TRiO staff, administrators and peer mentors were introduced. It’s the first time TRiO at CCA has hosted the full-day event, which covered the academic year. A plan is in place to hold similar orientations annually for students that are new to the program.

**CCA holds International Student Orientation**
On Thursday, Aug. 23, CCA held the International Student Orientation. Student Services staff presented an overview of both campuses; described the qualities and behaviors of successful students; discussed cultural differences; offered information on scholarship opportunities and how to apply;
gave information on tutoring; explained foreign credit evaluation and transcripts and CCA’s early alert system; and were invited to join Student Life clubs.

**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.**

**74 ASCENT students preview college in four-day orientation**

A four-day orientation session for the ASCENT (Accelerating Students through Concurrent Enrollment) program from Aug. 20-23 at CCA gave select group of high school students a preview of the possibilities by connecting them with the campus, people, programs, and information they’ll need to spur achievement. Incoming students in ASCENT were prepped on majors and career decisions; financial aid and their syllabi; heard a panel discussion from faculty, chairs and deans covering variety of disciplines; told how to track their degree goals; aided with their book store purchases; and given a window into available online and research capabilities. Parents were also involved in some of the initial sessions. There are 74 students at CCA participating in the ASCENT program after experiencing concurrent enrollment in high school and earning at least 12 college credits necessary for entry into the program.

**Aurora Public Schools and City of Aurora hold a press conference to announce new partnership**

On August 9, President Scales attended a press conference at Aurora Hills Middle School given by the Aurora Public Schools Board of Education and Superintendent John L. Barry celebrating the beginning of the new school year, as they unveil a new partnership with the City of Aurora. Aurora Public Schools and the City of Aurora announced that they were working together to combine resources and personnel to support a new partnership called “One Aurora.” This effort provides APS students with a practical, hands-on, experiential learning environment where classroom learning can be applied within the city’s workforce and local government. This partnership further enhances Aurora Public Schools Academic and Career Pathways.

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

**Aurora Mental Health offers counseling service on campus**

Dr. Betsy Oudenhoven, vice president of student affairs, announced that the college has contracted through Aurora Mental Health Center to have counseling support on site for 20 hours per week for the academic year in wake of the July 20 Aurora shootings. AMHC already is providing services with no out-of-pocket costs for the rest of 2012 for many of those directly and indirectly impacted by the tragedy at Century 16 Theaters. The organization’s funding comes via donations.