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

CCA Advising establishes mission to benefit CTE and transfer degree programs
CCA Advising Department formed a college wide advising council to establish an advising mission, and examine advising models that will most benefit CCA students in CTE and transfer degree programs. The council was made up of deans, faculty, and Student Affairs staff members. The established mission reads: CCA Advisors partner with students to guide and empower them in developing, implementing, and completing academic plans that further their career and life goals.

Mandatory student orientation alleviates many enrollment and registration problems
CCA Division of Student Affairs has resumed its mandatory new student orientation programs for the spring semester. The divisions of Instruction and Student Affairs have credited the implementation of mandatory orientation in the fall with fewer enrollment and registration problems.

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

Nursing students provides free COPD testing
CCA nursing students played a part Nov. 14 at the Capitol, providing free spirometry testing in conjunction with National Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Awareness Month.

CCA President speaks to young professionals interested in business careers
President Alton D. Scales spoke at the Aurora Chamber Young Professionals monthly meeting on Nov. 1. The program is designed to help emerging leaders engage in the Eastern Metro business community. Scales shared the story of his career path and future career plans to motivate and encourage young professionals interested in developing their careers in business.

Scales added to AEDC Board of Directors
Aurora Economic Development Council selected President Alton Scales as a member of the Board of Directors. Scales attended the annual AEDC strategic planning retreat Nov. 1-3 to discuss initiatives for the coming year.

Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.
CCA student receives a commendation at state capitol
The Colorado Legislature, per the request of Senator Nancy Spence, presented a commendation to 92-year old CCA student Graham M. Witherspoon on Nov. 1 at the state Capitol. Witherspoon was cited for his Naval service from Jan. 1942 until April 1959 as well as his volunteer work at the Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan.

CCA Center for Recruitment and Outreach hosts open house
CCA hosted the first of two annual Community Open Houses. Staff and faculty were available to speak about academic programs and support services available at CCA. Community members and New America High School students attended.

CCA recruitment and career services attend 8th-grade career fairs
CCA staff members from the Center for Outreach and Recruitment and Career Services have attended two 8th-grade career fairs in Denver Public Schools and Douglas County Schools Districts. More than 8000 students total were in attendance.

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.

High school students get STEM training at Lowry
Students from William Smith High School received hands-on training in STEM related curriculum Nov. 16 at Lowry as part of the Xcel Energy camp. The 25 participants were schooled in “Probability and Gambling.” The exercise was designed to learn about how odds of winning are actually calculated by mathematical equations. The Science Department then took the Williams Smith H.S. contingent through a DNA extraction experiment. Students separated the DNA molecule from other substances in a cell and discovered how a disease is transmitted from one person to another in simulated fashion.

CCA hosts annual transfer fair
CCA hosted its annual fall transfer fair. More than 270 students attended the fair, which was held at both the CentreTech and Lowry campuses. Eighty high school seniors from Aurora Public Schools were among those who attended. Recruiters from 32 different colleges, universities, and proprietary schools spoke with CCA students about transfer options.

Student Success Center bus students to CSU-Pueblo campus
In an expansion of CCA’s four-year campus visit program that began last year, the Student Success Center hosted the first of ten planned four-year campus visits. Sixteen students visited the CSU-Pueblo campus on Nov. 17. Nine more visits to four-year institutions are planned for the spring semester.

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

CCA evaluates last 10 years of growth for reaccreditation
The CCA community has been engaged in its third accreditation self-study, evaluating the college’s last 10 years. The Higher Learning Commission visit is scheduled for April 15-17. The three-person Executive Team comprised of Chris Ward, Executive Director of Grants and Planning, Ruthanne Orihuela, Chair of Performing Arts and Humanities, and Geoff Hunt, Chair of Social Sciences, has been involved in the formulation of the self-study document that presents evidence and reviews ongoing accomplishments.
CCA dedicates four trees in honor of students lost in Aurora tragedy

A Nov. 14 memorial service at Community College of Aurora merged remembrances of four late students lost in the Century 16 tragedy with the ongoing resilience of an Aurora community. CCA Vice President of Student Affairs Betsy Oudenhoven framed the intent of the “We Will Remember Memorial,” mentioning ongoing sorrow, anger and fear at circumstances alongside the encouragement she hoped would derive from the strength shown by individuals, family and community within their recoveries. CCA Student Government Association sponsored the event and dedicated four Snow Fountain Weeping Cherry Trees in honor of each of the deceased CCA students.