President’s Report
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Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.

Children’s College scores big with Qualistar
The Children’s College was recently given a four star Qualistar Rating for excellence, the highest rating available. The Qualistar Rating™ is Colorado’s Quality Rating System (QRS) that measures the quality of child care programs in Colorado on a provisional four-star scale.

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

Perkins Grant provides added educational opportunities
The 2012-13 Perkins Grant provided funds for several department: Welding and Machining received an optical comparator and a CNC plasma cutter; Health Sciences now has a mammography phantom and an EEG machine; Journalism, Photography and Graphic Design share a convergent media center; and soon closed TV monitors will be mounted in Confluence.

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.

Integrated Nursing Pathway launched
Community College of Denver and the University of Colorado College of Nursing are now offering students a unique integrated pathway to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Designed to increase access for community college students to a bachelor’s degree in nursing, the program emphasizes the value of diversity in the nursing profession.

CCD partners with City and County of Denver and Young American’s Bank
CCD has developed a partnership with the City and County of Denver and Young American’s Bank to offer students a three week workshop aligned with the two-credit CTE Work-for-Yourself class. The workshop is designed to encourage college completion and create more interest in business and entrepreneurship.
Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting edge instruction and educational services.

National conference tours Vet Tech program
The director of the CCD Veterinary Technology program was instrumental in the planning of the 23rd Biennial Symposium of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators (AVTE) held in July in Denver. The national conference drew several hundred veterinary technologists from across the country and included a tour of the CCD Veterinary Technology program at Lowry.

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

Construction and Renovation Update
Scheduled for completion by the start of fall semester are the courtyard of Confluence, and the classrooms, offices and courtyard of Cherry Creek; common areas in Cherry Creek will be finished in October.