REFLECTIONS FROM 9TH

It’s Who We Are

The “One Auraria” concept is a strong part of our culture that represents our “one team” commitment to each other and our customers. There are no silos, no “us versus them”, and definitely no “not my job” attitudes.

What there is, however, is a unified approach to problem solving, to serving our customers, and to finding pride in all that we do.

Five Guiding Principles sum up who we are and how we operate. They represent the essence of “One Auraria”. As you consider each principle, I invite you to think about how your actions, and those of your peers, embody them. When you see excellent examples of these principles in play, let us know—we intend to use them as prime illustrations during new employee orientations, training opportunities, and in future issues of this newsletter.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

CCD Advanced Manufacturing Center to Open This Fall

Community College of Denver has announced it will open a new facility, the Advanced Manufacturing Center, to increase enrollment in their manufacturing programs and to address the skills shortage that is expected over the course of the next 10 years. The state-of-the-art 33,280-square-foot facility will open this fall. The new space will allow CCD to add additional equipment to enhance the educational experience for its students. Located at 2570 31st Street, the new facility is just north of the Regency Student Housing community, and is approximately four miles from campus.

According to The Manufacturing Institute, nearly 3.5 million manufacturing jobs will need to be filled in the next decade, and the skills gap is expected to result in 2 million of those jobs going unfilled. This is due primarily to the retirement of baby boomers, as well as economic expansion.

CCD’s manufacturing programs offer the ability to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree in fabrication welding, machining, or engineering graphics and mechanical design. The college also offers a variety of basic and advanced certificate programs that are stackable, which means students can earn a certificate and start working right away, while continuing their education toward an advanced certificate or degree in their chosen field.

Barb Weiske
Chief Executive Officer

TECH LOANS FOR AHEC STAFF

Sign up now: www.ahec.edu/tech-loan

- Borrow $250-2,500 for a computer or tablet
- Interest-free
- One year to pay, via payroll deduction

Sign Up by July 30th!

- Fill out the PDF form at www.ahec.edu/AW-sign-up, and return it to Katy Brown via email (or deliver it to Tivoli, Suite 325)

Training

A brief training will be provided for volunteers the week before the semester starts. At this meeting, volunteers will pick up shirts and resource notebooks. The location and time for the meeting will be announced soon.

Remember, it’s who we are…and because of that, our community is the best!

Tech Update?

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# Make an Impact.
Every action, every decision, and every moment—big or small—makes a difference.

# Delight Our Customers.
Customer satisfaction is our strongest measure of success.

# Yes Before No.
Be committed to finding a solution. A “yes” mindset opens endless options.

# Respond with Urgency.
Outcomes matter. Don’t remain idle—act now without delay and deliver remarkable results.

Auria Campus Bookstore

Now Offers Technology Loans for AHEC Staff
Roadrunners Celebrate Completion of the Regency Athletic Complex at MSU Denver

Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, City Councilwoman Judy Montero, and MSU Denver Trustee Bill Hanzlik joined President Stephen Jordan and the campus community in celebrating the completion of the $23.6 million Regency Athletic Complex at MSU Denver at the beginning of May.

Calling MSU Denver “the best urban university in the nation,” Hancock recalled overlooking the blighted, undeveloped fields years ago from his office at the time, and deemed the transformation “a field of dreams.”

The 13-acre Regency Athletic Complex at MSU Denver includes baseball and softball diamonds, a soccer field, eight tennis courts, and a multi-purpose fitness trail. Among Division II athletics teams, the state-of-the-art complex is one of finest facilities available. It is home to six of the Roadrunners’ 16 sports including baseball, softball, men’s and women’s soccer, and men’s and women’s tennis. In addition to competition areas, the facility includes a 23,000 square-foot locker room and athletic training area.

“Building this complex is about much more than MSU Denver and future Roadrunner glory,” said Jordan. “It’s about having a park in an urban desert, a place where neighborhood seniors can walk in the morning and where children can safely play sports and develop a love of teamwork and physical fitness.”

The complex is the fourth MSU Denver-owned facility to be constructed as part of the university’s master plan. It follows the opening of the Center for Visual Art in Denver’s Art District on Santa Fe, the Student Success Building, and the Hotel and Hospitality Learning Center.

Record Voter Turnout Results in Approval of New Wellness Center

In April, CU Denver’s proposed institution-specific Wellness Center earned approval by both students and the CU Board of Regents.

Auraria Campus Police Department

The Auraria Campus Police Department had an active spring with a number of high profile cases, including a series of car thefts from campus involving earlier-model Hondas and an Acura. After the third case, Chief of Police Michael Phibbs traced it backwards to identify generally when the thefts occurred.

With the expansion and installation of campus security cameras, dispatcher Rachel Miller knew there had to be video footage of the suspects and their path on campus. Unfortunately, it was impossible to distinguish a perfect description of the driver from the footage of the actual thefts. Following the “Respond with Urgency” Guiding Principle, Miller took it upon herself to review hours of video footage with Communications Supervisor Sherri Feldt to trace the suspects’ route.

Miller tracked the suspects successfully to an RTD light rail station on the video footage. From there, Miller, along with Detective Leonard Peete and Commander Jason Mollendor, worked with RTD to track the primary suspect all the way back to his origin point in Lakewood through their camera system. The Metro Auto Theft Taskforce then used the images...
Transforms to Tivoli Station

In August, the campus bookstore that was once called the Book Center and then more recently the Auraria Campus Bookstore, will transform into Tivoli Station. With the store expanding their offerings in recent years to sell more products than just textbooks, a renaming and rebranding was due to encapsulate all that the store provides.

The name Tivoli Station was selected because the store is truly a hub for the campus and the Tivoli Student Union. With technology (including Apple and Dell computers), supplies, mobile device charging stations, apparel and spirit gear, gifts, snacks, and books, Tivoli Station is a one-stop store offering convenient shopping for students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The store is undergoing a facelift this summer with merchandising and layout changes, as well as paint and signage updates. Textbooks will no longer be shelved in institution-specific areas; rather, they will be organized and shelved by author on the lower level. This will streamline the back-to-school shopping experience for students, making it easier and faster to locate their course materials.

“While the store is undergoing these exciting external changes, what will remain is our commitment to the highest quality customer service and support for our campus community,” said Director Michael Clarke.

Fiscal Year Reminders

The month of July is a very busy month for Human Resources and Payroll, and much of what they work on affects your paycheck. Therefore, HR asks all employees to please “check your check” when you are paid in July.

The HR office mailed individual notifications to each employee regarding the FY16 salary increases, which became effective July 1st, 2015. Please remember, it is your responsibility to verify that your pay is correct. Please report any errors immediately.

Additionally, classified employees should take note of the FY16 benefit rate changes and any changes they made in the benefit administration system during the mandatory open enrollment period that ran from April 14th through May 14th. Classified employees may view their benefit elections by logging in to www.benefitsolver.com.
Shannon Sprague embodies the “Own It” Guiding Principle. She loves to problem solve, which is a necessity for working in procurement. She has been in the field since 2003, and prior to joining AHEC in September 2013, she held many purchasing positions in local government. Last month, she was promoted to the Senior/Lead Purchasing Agent for AHEC upon the retirement of Bruce Burgess.

Sprague is passionate about her industry, serving as Marketing Co-Chairperson for the Rocky Mountain Governmental Association, where she is able to pursue her interest for getting the “next generation” interested and involved in the purchasing profession.

One of Sprague’s most unusual purchasing projects involved the procurement of fish for all the lakes and ponds in the City of Thornton. To ensure the city would be buying the right types of fish, she had to educate herself on maintaining a healthy balance in the food chain, as well as the physical changes that fish experience during the various seasons.

Sprague lives in Thornton with her husband and children. She is proud to be a Colorado native; her children will go to the same high school where she and her husband attended. She is a Facebook and Twitter whiz, loves listening to music, and hopes to have a chance to swim with the sea turtles in Greece someday.

5 Questions for Shannon

1. Before working for AHEC, what is the most interesting or unusual job you’ve had?
   I was a lifeguard in the past. It’s not the most unusual of jobs, but it was just plain awesome. All my government jobs have been extremely interesting. I have encountered many “unusual” characters, some of whom are my good friends now!
Discover those who have recently joined the “One Auraria” community, as well as those who have retired or will be retiring soon.

RECENT NEW HIRES

- **Aimee Baker**, Tivoli Starbucks Manager
- **Sean Bankert**, Custodian I, Student Facilities Services
- **Marcus Black**, Police Officer Intern, Campus Police
- **Joshua Bode**, Police Officer I, Campus Police
- **Robert Cox**, Custodian I, Student Facilities Services
- **Paulette Cusson**, Accounting Technician III, Business Administration/Accounting
- **Kevin Daniels**, Police Officer Intern, Campus Police
- **Alexander Dennis**, Neighborhood Community Officer, Campus Police
- **Daniel Hughes**, Event Facility Coordinator, Student Facilities Services
- **Renny Kyle**, Police Officer I, Campus Police
- **Dennis Meadows, Jr.**, Pipe Mechanics Trades I, Facilities Services
- **Ashley Munguia**, Custodian I, Student Facilities Services
- **Christopher Olson**, Police Officer I, Campus Police
- **Mary Ramirez**, Custodian I, Student Facilities Services
- **Danny Sanchez**, Custodian I, Student Facilities Services

2. If you could choose any period of history to live, when would it be and why?
Right now. I love the modern advances of technology, getting to use social media, etc. I am definitely not built for the struggles of the past generations, but I am so appreciative of their efforts!

3. What is a tool you use for work that you couldn’t live without?
My CD player for the following two reasons: 1) I love music and need it to keep me going throughout the day; and 2) I am a big fan of being green, so I like to receive bids/RFP responses via compact disc (instead of printed on paper).

4. If you could travel anywhere in the world for a week, where would you go?
I would want to travel to the island of Zante in Greece since that is the only country where Loggerhead sea turtles nest. I love sea turtles and would love to swim with them. #futuregoals

5. What do you enjoy most about your job and working for AHEC?
Without a doubt I enjoy the people who have been so generous and welcoming. It has been a pleasure to work with and serve the AHEC community. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my coworkers for all their help and support, which has been invaluable since day one.

COMINGS & GOINGS

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• Jessica Scott, Head Teacher, Early Learning Center
• Shadawn Shuler, Custodian I, Student Facilities Services
• Dandre Stepney, Custodian I, Student Facilities Services
• Camrianne Totems, Support Services Business Coordinator, Student Facilities Services
• Lasie Zion, Police Records Manager/Clery Act Compliance Coordinator, Campus Police

RETIREMENTS
• Teb Blackwell, Tenant Development & Sales Admin., Student Facilities Services (May 2015)
• Karline Balmforth, Accounting Technician III, Facilities Services (June 2015)
• Steve Davis, Electronic Specialist III, IT & Telecommunications (June 2015)
• Bruce Burgess, General Professional V, Procurement Services (July 2015)
• Kalynn Busler, Administrative Assistant III, Campus Police (August 2015)
• Greg Stahl, Police Commander, Campus Police (August 2015)

CALENDAR
July 17, 2015
Employee Appreciation BBQ
5th Street Garage

August 17, 2015
Fall Semester Begins

August 17-18, 2015
Auraria Welcomes

September 16-17, 2015
Fall Fest