Reflections from 9th

It seems almost amazing that we are about to experience the close of yet another successful semester. The Auraria Campus has achieved many milestones, none of which would be possible without the dedication and commitment of AHEC staff! As 2013 winds down, we are preparing to recognize many individuals at the annual Winterfest celebration. In addition, a good number of staff will have time away from the campus, by virtue of when Auraria identifies the holiday break. We ask that you remember that many of your peers will continue to work during that period, keeping the campus safe, as well as seizing the opportunity to make progress on projects during a less disruptive time – all in support of the institutions we serve.

Looking forward to the spring semester, we begin to move ahead on many of the new goals recently endorsed by the Auraria Board of Directors. These goals encompass numerous exciting components, including the renovation of the Library, planning for a remodel and expansion of the Events Center & King Center, exploring the potential of the St. Cajetan's Center as a performance hall, and the development of the Tivoli Entertainment Complex – a unique venture featuring a prospective film center (highlighting CU Denver's academic film curriculum), a conference center, and a brewery & pub (highlighting MSU Denver's potential new curriculum embracing the microbrewing industry). All of this occurs as a backdrop to the new Tivoli Park concept, an open activity and event venue planned in front of the historic face of the Tivoli Student Union.

Winterfest 2013 & Food Bank Donations

December 20th
2-3:30 p.m.
Tivoli Turnhalle
Join your fellow staff at Winterfest to celebrate the achievements of the year. State Service Awards will be given to those AHEC staff members celebrating milestone work anniversaries. In addition, the Student, Employee, and Manager of the Year awards will be announced.
So, rejoice in the continued success of the Auraria Campus, enjoy the interim class break period, and look forward with anticipation to the new semester with the exciting things it will bring! I hope to see you all at Winterfest!

Barb Weiske
Executive Vice President for Administration
Agency Chief Executive Officer

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

Dr. Everette J. Freeman Named President of CCD

Dr. Everette J. Freeman assumed the presidency of Community College of Denver (CCD) on November 1st, 2013. Colorado Community College System President Dr. Nancy McCallin announced the selection of Dr. Freeman in mid-October after an extensive national search.

Dr. Freeman most recently served as President of Albany State University in Albany, Georgia. His expertise in higher education leadership, especially in the areas of daily operations, strategic planning, institutional planning, capital expansion, and community relations, will greatly benefit CCD and the Auraria Campus.

Freeman earned his doctorate of education in Educational Foundations at Rutgers University, a master of arts in Labor and Industrial Relations from the University of Illinois, and a bachelor of arts in Sociology and Economics from Antioch College.

AURARIA LIBRARY

Auraria Library Discovers New Way to Engage Patrons

The Auraria Library has officially unveiled its much-anticipated Discovery Wall—an innovative, large-scale, and interactive digital display wall. Made of nine 60-inch, flat-panel LCD monitors that can operate individually or as one unit, the wall enables patrons to explore a wide variety of topics and subject areas in a fully immersive manner.

Food Bank Donations
Non-perishable food items are currently being collected for the tri-institutional food banks, which benefit campus students in need. Upon dropping off a food donation, you will be given a ticket for a chance to win a gift basket of items contributed by various community restaurants, organizations, and merchants. Gift basket winners will be announced at 3 p.m. at Winterfest, so make sure you bring your ticket to the event.

Food Drive Locations
(December 2nd–19th)
- EVPA Office
  1068 9th Street Park
- HR Office
  Admin Building, Suite 370
- Parking & Transportation Services
  7th Street Garage

Donations will also be accepted at Winterfest on December 20th.

Questions: Dianda Coe

Roundtable Wrap-Up

Over the course of two weeks in late October and early November, Executive Vice President for Administration Barb Weiske held a series of roundtable discussion opportunities for AHEC staff to learn about the accomplishments of the past year and discover some of the exciting initiatives underway for the campus. Some of the discussion highlights included:
While the intention of the Discovery Wall is to afford students and professors the opportunity to explore course content in a new way, there will also be availability for all library users to discover and explore other digital content, using programs like Google Earth, library databases, and technology tools. The wall will be fully operational for the spring 2014 semester. Stay tuned to the Auraria Library website to learn more about how and when users can access the wall.

SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS PROGRAM

Tivoli Waste Audit Indicates High Diversion Rate

In recognition of America Recycles Day on November 15th, the Sustainable Campus Program took the Environmental Protection Agency’s “Food Recovery Challenge” and went dumpster diving in the food court to determine if garbage was being appropriately placed in the 3-bin collection stations.

The waste audit involved weighing and sorting 26 large bags of compost, recyclables, and landfill materials. The audit revealed that the Tivoli has an excellent 62% diversion rate, a measurement of how much material is being saved from the landfill and sent instead to be recycled or composted. The audit also indicated there is an opportunity to reach 76% in the future.

HUMBLE HEROES

DUI Unit Garners Second MADD Award

At the 2013 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Colorado Law Enforcement Recognition Dinner this fall, MADD, along with its youth volunteers, presented 17 awards to outstanding individuals and teams of Colorado law enforcement officers and agencies who have made a difference in the community.

IT Lunch & Learn

On November 22nd, Dr. Gary Borkan, who recently earned his PhD in Computer Science and Information Systems from the University of Colorado Denver, led a brown bag lunch training for AHEC staff.

Pictured above, Borkan is giving a Windows 7 tutorial. He also discussed Microsoft Outlook calendar tips and safe computing recommendations.
Avoiding Slips, Trips, & Falls
by Dany McCoy

Slides, trips, and falls are leading causes of workplace accidents. Following are some tips to help avoid these accidents:

**Plan ahead; take your time**
- Study the area; pay attention
- Don't carry too many objects at once; take several trips
- Ask for help if carrying a large load of items

**Stay organized**
- Maintain clear, tidy work areas
- Keep clutter to a minimum

**Walk safely**
- Pay attention to your surroundings
- Don't take shortcuts
- Follow normal routes and sidewalks

**Wear proper footwear**
- Wear shoes with good traction

Most slips, trips, and falls are preventable. Paying attention to your surroundings and eliminating potentially hazardous areas will reduce your chances of being injured.

Questions: Dany McCoy

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Leath grew up in Payne Springs, Texas, a small rural community with a population of 500. At an early age he learned how to live off the land, hunting and fishing with his family and friends.

Leath is excited to tap his love of nature and the outdoors once again in his new home of Colorado. Once his wife, Devy, and seven-year-old, Ian, join him from North Carolina in January, they plan to find a new home in the mountains of Lakewood or Golden.

In addition to fishing and hunting, Leath enjoys scuba diving. He was initially trained as a fire department rescue diver for cold, murky water. Considering the nature of rescue and recovery dives, scuba diving didn't become a hobby for him until recently. During a trip to visit his wife's family in Indonesia, Leath had the opportunity to dive recreationally for the first time. An entirely different practice than rescue diving, he discovered that exploring sea life and underwater scenery, especially along the Pacific Rim, is much preferred.

Leath's initial goals in his new position are to gather all plans, operations, and standards for emergency preparedness under one umbrella. In partnership with the Auraria Campus Police Department and Sergeant Leonard Peete, Leath is currently doing data analysis and determining campus capabilities to develop a comprehensive long-term plan. His ultimate goal is to make emergency preparedness an integral part of the fabric of the Auraria Campus, running seamlessly and becoming self-sustaining.

5 Questions for Eric Leath

1. Before working for AHEC, what is the most interesting or unusual job you've had?

That would definitely be working as a medic in Baltimore in the early 90s. Every day was a new, interesting, challenging, frightening, infuriating day. We worked split shifts (2 days; 2 nights), but I did everything I could to trade with other medics so I could be almost exclusively on night shift—less brass, less traffic, and that's when most of the worst trauma calls occurred.

2. If you could choose any period of history to live, when would it be and why?

Early 19th century in Texas or Oklahoma. I grew up in rural east Texas, and from the time my friends and I could walk, we were taught how to hunt and fish, and do our part to put protein on the table (just like our parents were raised). I always loved that lifestyle of self-sufficiency, living off the land, and respecting the environment. I was taught that if you respect Mother Nature, she would provide for you. I was a conservationist before it was cool!

3. What is a tool you use for work that you couldn't live without?

Ugh! As much as I hate to say it...my smart phone. These phones have really changed the way emergency services do business. We can do all our communications through them (voice/text/email), and we can get on the internet in a second and look up things like working to establish relationships with students, faculty, and staff in their assigned neighborhood community to be recognized as the “go-to” campus safety resource.

Once the program is fully staffed, there will be two NCOs assigned to each neighborhood. University of Colorado Denver will have one NCO until their Academic Building opens for fall 2014, and at that point a second NCO will be hired.

Leading the program is Sergeant Leonard Peete, who is currently in the process of training the NCOs to provide excellent service and security to the three institutions. Pictured above at the Student Success Building is Sgt. Peete with Yama Gafari, an NCO for Metropolitan State University of Denver.
HazMat placards to see what type of chemical is in an overturned tanker, or look up emergency numbers for a business on their website if their property has been involved in an incident.

4. **If you could travel anywhere in the world for a week, where would you go?**

Ireland. I’ve traveled pretty extensively around the world, but I have yet to go to the place of my family’s origin.

5. **What do you enjoy most about your job and working for AHEC?**

At the root of the reason, I have always loved helping people. Public safety has always been a calling to me. In recent years, school safety and security efforts have become a passion of mine (maybe because I’m a father now), and nationally, there is still a lot of progress to be made in this field. Auraria is such a large and unique campus that I feel really blessed to have been chosen as a leader in the current and future emergency preparedness efforts here.

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**CALENDAR**

December 20, 2013
Winterfest 2013
2:00–3:30 p.m.
Tivoli Turnhalle

January 7, 2014
Sexual Harassment Training
10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m.
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
North Classroom 1130

January 7, 2014
Active Shooter Presentation
*(Mandatory for all staff who have not attended in the past)*
12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
North Classroom 1130

January 22, 2014
Auraria Early Learning Center
Kindergarten Open House
5:00–6:00 p.m.
950 9th Street, Auraria Campus