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Comments at Block 1 In the Loop all-staff meeting

If you were to ask a student a couple months into their first year what they like most about CC you might hear something about beauty of Pikes Peak, the uniqueness and the focus brought by the block plan, a great professor or class, the seemingly endless outdoor activities, or the awesome block break trip they spent in Moab. If you were to ask a student a couple years into their CC experience, you'll probably hear a similar response, but with one important addition: the people. And not just any people, I'm specifically talking about all of you.

You are the ones that make CC special. There are other places with nice mountains, great outdoor activities, fantastic trips, and rigorous classes, but it wouldn't have all of you. I can't count the number of times I've felt so proud to go to CC just because I've had the pleasure to talk to some of you. From something as simple as a smile while we cross paths, to taking the time out of your day to listen, I've seen you go out of your way to help out me and my fellow peers.

On behalf of the student body, I would like to say thank you. Thank you for going above and beyond what is required of you. Thank you for your kindness and your helpfulness. Thank you for putting up with all of our shenanigans and all of our mistakes. Thank you for being our mentors, our role models, and our friends.

The senior survey asks students to recognize the people who made a special impact during their time here. The survey collected close to 140 special acknowledgements from students wishing to say thank you, but no amount of words can really express how deeply appreciative we are. Though many seniors are at a stage of uncertainty now with what comes next, the one thing we are sure of is how much we will miss you when we go. Thank you for being such wonderful people, and making CC what it is.