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Election Night at Colorado College

On Election night, as part of the CC Votes initiative, the CCE and Campus Activities hosted an Election Day viewing party complete with food, cool patriotic swag, and most importantly, streaming of the election coverage. Many students gathered to converse about politics and enjoy a presidential photo booth for selfies galore. A few students engaged in respectful dialogue about the candidates and issues on a white board provided at the event. Some students voiced their concerns, others wrote about their hope for the future. Throughout the night, text polls were posted in Worner Campus Center asking why students voted, what issues mattered most to them and other interesting election-related questions.



Photo By Helen H. Richardson/ The Denver Post

What was intended to be a fun lighthearted celebration of the election season, turned into a serious and intently-focused watch party of the election coverage fueled by intermittent snacking. A core group of dedicated students watched the results pour in until after midnight. Regardless of how students reacted to the results, the CC Votes Election Day party provided a safe space for dialogue, discourse, and reflection.

Throughout the election season, CC Votes organized several events that were focused on voter engagement. Thanks to the partnership with New Era Colorado and a group of dedicated CC volunteers, over 500 CC students were registered to vote this fall. Many students registered for the very first time and others changed their voter registration from their home state to Colorado to signify their dedication to their current home during college. In the coming months we will get more details on the exact voter turnout for campus, but based on these initial numbers, it is likely that this year may be one of the best in recent elections.

CC Votes is extremely proud of how involved CC students were throughout this election. Not only did students engage in getting registering and voting, but many students spent time volunteering with the campaigns. Students also gathered with faculty, staff, and visiting speakers to debrief the election results from many points of study. They continue to meet together to regain a sense of hope and determination to improve the future of their country and world. Hopefully, students will continue to be involved with the political process during non-presidential election years to keep this incredible momentum going.

GLOBEMED AT COLORADO COLLEGE INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL

BENEFIT DINNER


DECEMBER 7TH
7 - 8:30 PM
BEMIS GREAT HALL
PARAVICINI'S CATERING
LIVE MUSIC FROM CYPRUS



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE WESTERN ORGANIZATION FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS (WOPLAH). LEARN MORE BY VISITING GLOBEMED AT COLORADO COLLEGE ON FACEBOOK.

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN WORNER!
SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$20

CCE Services: Office Library



The CCE library is now available online! Need a book on activism or advocacy? How about the history and theory of service-learning and community engagement? Need information about homelessness, poverty or food insecurity? Or maybe you have an interest in incarceration in the United States. We can help! Browse our library now at cce.libib.com or stop by our office to find just what you need!

Public Interest Fellowship Program Opportunities

Summer 2017 and yearlong 2017-18 opportunities through the Public Interest Fellowship Program are posted now. If you're a CC student (or know one) looking to gain experience in public service through policy, research, advocacy, or communications, the PIFP program is for you.

PIFP has developed a strong reputation in Colorado's nonprofit community, and these fellowships open up many career possibilities. Approximately 23 percent of PIFP fellows have been hired to stay on with their organizations after their fellowship terms finish. In addition, PIFP fellows have access to alumni mentors, a training/seminar program, and great networking opportunities.

Application information and materials, as well as fellowship descriptions for each position, are available on the PIFP webpage. The application deadline is Wednesday, February 1.



Photo by Daniel Sarche, '20

Drag for Change

Hosting many queer student groups on campus, CC was happy to welcome several professional drag queens and kings, as well as a few of our own, to Cornerstone on November 4th. This event served to educate, entertain, and build the CC community. All students involved, whether blowing us away with their struts or makeup talent, submitted personal essays on intersectionality in the queer community. Also taking the stage were several professional drag queens and kings, some of whom are ranked top in the state for drag competitions. These performers all assisted behind the scenes for makeup and hair perfection as well as bringing their impressive talent and supportive poses. One critical aspect of drag shows is tipping- giving performers tips for their amazing talent. All tips were donated to the LGBTQIA+ charity in Colorado Springs, Inside Out, which provides services from mentors to queer prom for LGBTQIA+ youth in the Springs.

Dynamic Half Block Option

Beyond the Vote: Engaging in Community, Politics, and Activism in a Post-Election World

This course asks students to consider -- “What next?” For many citizens this election was a poignant reminder of the pervasiveness of inequality and injustice in our society, as well as the conflicting visions of how to make the world a better place. Yet elections should not only be a reminder of the problems facing our society, but also a reminder of our own ability and obligation as citizens to engage with those problems -- particularly if you feel your own ideological commitments will not be represented by the next administration.

Offered through the Dynamic Half Block non-credit course offerings, this course aims to help you develop a plan of action for how you intend to help bring about the world you imagine. Our goal is to help you channel the energy of the election into a renewed commitment to engage, extending your commitment to social or environmental change beyond casting a vote. Through this course, you will reflect on your own philosophy of and commitment to justice; evaluate several models of social change and consider which you find to be most effective and aligned with your ideological convictions; and commit to a community partner, project, or activism campaign in which you plan to engage in the coming year.

This offering counts as a skills training for students participating in the Community Engaged Scholars program. Any student that participates is also eligible to earn a digital badge.

Jan 9-19, 1:00-2:30 pm M-F. Instructor: Jordan Radke. Register through the Student Life Summit site.



North Boys and Cool Science Collaboration

Last block, Cool Science and the North Boys Enrichment Program hosted middle schoolers to learn about physical and chemical science and interact with college mentors. This event was the culmination of a several block long plan, beginning with the leader orientation this fall. Students worked together to engage the boys in observation, experimentation, and fun.

Projects included demonstrations of liquid density, chemical reactivity, and glow-in-the-dark non-Newtonian fluids. All students present were able to test various types of materials, amounts, and choose their own



Photo by Maya Reisman, '19

color when it came to making a DIY lava lamp. Every experiment was paired with a practical approach to the scientific background of every logic and gravity defying demonstration.

This is but one of many student group collaborations we hope to see this year, with many groups joining to tackle needs of the community from various angles to ensure the greatest results.

If you'd like to get involved in fun engagement opportunities like these on campus, contact one of their student leaders! Stephanie Bui (stephanie.bui@coloradocollege.edu) for Cool Science Club or Pierce Nelson (pierce.nelson@coloradocollege.edu) for North Boys Enrichment Program would love to have you join them. More information can be found via the CCE's Summit site.

Saving Lives, One Concert at a Time!

Since 2008, Love Hope Strength has been hosting bone marrow donor drives at concerts and festivals across the globe. All of their registrations are included in the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). So far, they have been able to add close to 150,000 music fans to the registry, giving hope to those with blood cancers and other diseases who would otherwise be denied the chance of life. Throughout, they have been raising awareness about the less painful techniques that enable donors to give cells in an outpatient setting.

Want to get involved and see some amazing (often sold out) shows for FREE? Go to lovehopestrength.org and become a volunteer on the Get Involved tab! You can also register for free via mail to get on the list and save a life! Watch out for an LHS table at your next concert experience, it may just be on campus!



Student Thoughts on Working with Love Hope Strength

“LHS educated me about the process of bone marrow donation and opened my eyes to how many people need donations. It’s crucial that people sign up, especially young people, to ensure there is always a match.” -Maya Reisman

“It was so inspiring to see a community of music also become a community of healing and hope. At concerts, we identify with emotions the music brings us and celebrate living and the joy music brings. It’s beautiful to help people bring another chance at life to someone in need so that they might have these joyful experiences too.” -Lydia Fisher

“Working with LHS is life changing. Not only did I get amazing access to concerts, but I also got to meet cancer survivors whom were alive because of volunteers from LHS and donors attending those concerts. If you get the opportunity, I can’t recommend LHS enough.”- Jessi Blake

Mindset Matters Training

Thursday, December 8th, 3:30-4:30 in McHugh Commons.

Do you tutor, mentor, or work with youth? It can be difficult to encourage and guide youth through challenges and setbacks, especially without providing an explicit answer or direction for them to take. Through this interactive workshop, learn why mindset matters and how you can encourage youth to tackle challenges so they don't feel stuck or lacking in ability.

This workshop will be particularly useful to those who engage with children or teenagers in their community-engaged work, but would also be of interest to students interested in education/teaching or adult tutoring/educational efforts.

This workshop counts as a Skills Training for the Community Engaged Scholars program. Please register on Summit.

Leading the Leader Within: Discovering and Developing Your Personal Leadership Style

Tuesday, December 13th - 3-4pm, WCC 213

In order for anyone to know and understand who you are as a leader, you must first find the leader within by genuinely knowing yourself. Leadership is not merely a role, but instead, is formed by behaviors. During this interactive workshop, we will explore individual leadership types/styles, assess our personal leadership, and identify how we can best utilize our strengths as we develop as leaders. This workshop is for both current leaders and developing leaders.

This workshop counts as a Skills Training for the Community Engaged Scholars program. All students are welcome.

Year of Service Job Fair

Spend the year after graduation doing something meaningful for not only society but yourself! Over 15 education and faith based companies will be here to talk to YOU! All of these organizations work with children to help them get ahead in life.

Tuesday, December 13th, 11:30-1:30 in the Worner Campus Center

Request for Volunteer Judges

Are you interested in helping middle schoolers in their study of history? Maybe you just want to break out of your CC bubble? Come help judge History Day at North Middle School (612 E. Yampa St.) Thursday, December 15, 9am-4pm!

Students can sign up for the whole day or for a shift to fit their schedule. To serve as a history Day Judge, please contact Janit Pollard (janit.pollard@d11.org).

Community Engaged Scholars Program Orientation

Afraid you missed the boat to apply to the Community Engaged Scholars program? You didn't! The program is rolling admissions - you can apply at any time by visiting the CCE Summit page. Once you apply, you'll need to attend the next available orientation, and backlog anything you've done this semester. The Block 4 Orientation is Thursday, December 15th, from 3:00-5:00 in Loomis Lounge. Email jradke@coloradocollege.edu with questions or visit <http://tiny.cc/engagedscholars> for more information.

A Note from the Editor

As the holiday season swings into full bore, don't forget to breathe and take a moment every day for the blessings in your life. It can get chaotic trying to sort out presents for family and friends, where you will spend break, and finishing up the semester.

Remember that it is the season of giving and never a bad time to reach out to those in need. Check out the CCE Summit page for events and ongoing opportunities.

Remember your favorite throwback tradition and get your friends to take part as well. Watch Elf, make a snowperson, or bake your favorite cookies to share. I fondly remember the musical I would go to with my grandma and cousins, with lots of great singing and dancing. My favorite lyrics goes, "May the light of the season shine in your heart, may you always be singing, may you know your part." Even if singing and dancing aren't your thing, there will always be some warm holiday cheer on campus or in the community to keep your spirits up. Keep singing, dance, and remember others on break this year, and know that you always have a place at CC.

With lots of holiday love, spirit, and cheer,

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‘Twas the Night

With lots of holiday love, spirit, and cheer,

Jessianne Blake, '19

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