

Executive Council Candidate Statement for Amairani Alamillo

I'm running for Student Body President because I want to foster a better sense of community at Colorado College. As of now, our student body is separated by race, class, gender, and sexual orientation. Though we are each unique individuals, our awareness and knowledge of different perspectives will grow if we work together. This year, I served on CCSGA as a Butler Center Representative and on the Student Concerns Committee. I will like to continue efforts to improving diversity and inclusion at Colorado College. For example, Han Sayles and I co-authored a Petition to Diversify the Curriculum across all disciplines. This petition signed by the students emphasizes the need of classes engaging students in subjects such as race, class, gender, and sexuality. The petition also calls for more diversity within departments in terms of faculty hirings.

As a liaison, I was able to improve the communication and relationship between The Butler Center and CCSGA; however, it's important to also improve the relationship between all student groups, the Athletics Department, and Greek life members. I hope to continue the Student Concerns Committee's efforts to hosting dinners that include members of each of the above-mentioned groups in order to discuss issues and find feasible solutions within those communities. Also, I want to give students the opportunity to discuss issues their facing in a safe space. This will be done through a series of workshops throughout the semester; these workshops will build off of the current series of Courageous Conversations by breaking down the sessions and allowing greater flexibility to students' busy schedules and interests. Not only is it important to discuss issues specific to CC, but it's also essential to bring in speakers and host debates emphasizing local, national, and international issues.

As a student body, not only is it imperative to foster relationships amongst our classmates, but it's important to encourage meaningful relationships between professors and students. I plan to create this sense of community by hosting a variety of events in which CCSGA partners with each department and program. Thus, students have the opportunity to meet and speak with faculty outside of their disciplines. This will allow students to access mentoring and networking opportunities otherwise not accessible to them.

As part of the larger Colorado Springs community, Colorado College serves as a significant player in bettering the environment surrounding it. I plan for the Outreach Committee to push forth initiatives building off of the Food Coalition, Arts for Social Change, and the Soup Project. This will allow our students to foster a greater relationship with the Colorado Springs community through community-based learning and engagement. Not only does Colorado College serve as a leader for the city, but students should also serve as role models for the younger population. Through the Outreach Committee, CCSGA members should strive to serve as mentors for high school students interested in leadership and creating meaningful changes within their communities. This will be done by visiting local high schools as well as providing opportunities for students to engage with CC students at the Colorado College campus.

Communication and transparency are essential in allowing the student body to actively engage with CCSGA. Through Internal Affairs, CCSGA will effectively communicate to the greater student body by emailing out minutes each week and encouraging students to participate in Full Council meetings. Also, office hours for each committee will be implemented in order for students and student groups to voice their concerns. The Finance Committee will work to increase transparency by meeting with student groups throughout the year and answering any questions pertaining to funding.