

Executive Council Candidate Statement for Michael Murney

As Vice President for Outreach, it is my goal to foster a genuine sense of connection between Colorado College students and members of the Colorado Springs community. There has admittedly existed a certain degree of animosity and disconnect between students and community members in the recent past, which I believe is driven both by misperception of community members by CC students, and misperception of the student body by the members of the Colorado Springs community. The path towards creating a peaceful, respectful and productive relationship is a relatively simple one that begins with providing community members and students with opportunities for face-to-face interaction. In the coming year, I intend to provide these opportunities through several initiatives, including an educational outreach program to elementary schools in the Colorado Springs area, a series of community-wide town-hall meetings early in first block to discuss off-campus party culture, and several casual meet-and-greet events throughout the year that encourage seniors living off campus to socialize with their neighbors. Additionally, I hope to increase as much as possible the number of on-campus events (speakers, musical events, etc.) that are free and open to the public.

More broadly, I am excited to serve as a conduit of communication between the student body and the administration. During my time at CC, I have been a varsity athlete (briefly), played in an on-campus band, worked in the fitness center, and spent many stressed out afternoons in labs. I have taken classes in most departments on campus, worked as an RA, and served as a member of the Honor Council. In short, I have been lucky enough to meet students from across wide array of factions on campus, and would be truly honored to represent your interests and concerns as a member of CCSGA.