

Andrew Pollack Letter of Intent

The Colorado College community is unique, powerful, groundbreaking, innovative, creative, and all too often unheard. The CC student body has so much to say, so instead of me writing 1000s of words, (that let's be real who is really going to read past the first paragraph anyway) I'm more interested in listening.

I have some objectives and plans for the upcoming term which are a combination of things that I have been working on for the past year as a freshman representative, things I've had conversations about, and some things that I personally would like to see from CCSGA. I will concentrate on increasing CCSGA's focus on the student body by taking the right steps in the conversation on diversity, by exploring how the campus can be more proactive in sexual assault resources, by bringing together the student organization leaders at CC, and most importantly by listening and working with feedback from students in order to really utilize the importance of a student government. The fundamental idea of a student government is to serve the community in which it functions, and that's why I'm running. It's not about what the position means to me but rather what I feel I can do for you. With my experience I will be an effective leader and the best team member for the position.

Diversity is a topic of discussion that has come up this year through various incidences. Recent events, both local and national, have brought matters of race into the forefront of everybody's mind. The sparked conversations were tremendously valuable and the dialogue continues to be vital. I will further my work on a series of dialogue dinners that inspire people who do not normally work together to come together, develop the ideas, and get the resources they need to move forward from talking, and create live and tangible goals. Also, some of my

personal goals are to increase funding for block break trips as well as transportation, providing more equal opportunities for CC students.

Colorado College faces issues with sexual assault, an epidemic on college campus across the country. The screening of movies like the “Hunting Ground” started these CC conversations - conversations full of passion and emotion. I want to harness these feelings, bring student voices together, and help to instigate tangible change. I want to sponsor more conversations to keep this important topic on the surface, working towards a campus where everyone feels safe.

I have touched on the importance of bringing the CC community together. Effective steps forward cannot happen with people at the top making executive decisions. They have to come from the students who are most affected by decisions made at our college. I want to encourage, inspire and facilitate conversations that can turn into something useful.

Listening is the first step to solutions, and if given the opportunity to serve the CC community, that is exactly what I will do - listen - in order to do something worth doing.