



## Student Life

# Blockly Newsletter

## Block 4 – December 2021

**Outdoor Education** would like to thank David Crye for 6.5 wonderful years serving as the associate director of outdoor education! We wish him the best as he begins his lecturer position at North Carolina State University in January. David has been instrumental in making the NSO Priddy Experience what it is today, developing the Bridge Scholar Leadership Program, and overall being a wonderful colleague to work with....he will certainly be missed!

**Rachael Abler**, assistant director of Outdoor Education, is expecting her first baby boy on/near December 15th and we wish Rachael and her husband John congratulations! Rachael will be on maternity leave until sometime in March. If you need any support, please reach out to Ryan Hammes or Kate Macklin.

—Ryan Hammes, Director of Outdoor Education

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**Mind, Body, and Soul** is a Butler Center initiative that nurtures the minds, bodies and souls of feminine-identifying BIPOC students on the Colorado College campus. For our Block 4 meeting, Elder Debbie Howell taught us about the importance of beadwork in Indigenous tradition and culture. Beadwork is an art form used by many Native American/Indigenous peoples and others around the world. Beading is a connection to culture, to family, and to community. It also allows for creativity, makes you smile, and is calming and comforting to your mind, body, and spirit.



**Break the Block** provides an opportunity for students to "break" from the stress and intensity of the Block Plan and reflect, rejuvenate and relax. For Block 3, we celebrated Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month where we recognize and honor the influence and histories they have on this land.

— Pang Yada and Lia Kelly, Butler Center Program Assistants

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**Residential Experience and Housing** is happy to welcome Tempestt Higgins as the Administrative Assistant in our Central Office in Bemis Hall. Tempestt is new to Colorado, relocating here last year from Little Rock where she earned a degree at the University of Arkansas. Tempestt hosts themed events and painting parties in her spare time and loves music, art, and cooking. She's looking forward to the new experiences that working at Colorado College will bring.

—Rochelle Taylor, Housing Manager

What is your department up to?

Send any department and division updates, pictures, and stories by the third week of the block to include in future newsletter publications to [akolman@coloradocollege.edu](mailto:akolman@coloradocollege.edu)