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COLORADO COLLEGE'S MIKE EDMONDS TO BECOME SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF OF STAFF

Edmonds begins new role with incoming President Richardson

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – May 24, 2021 – Colorado College Acting Co-President Mike Edmonds will become senior vice president and chief of staff when President-Elect L. Song Richardson begins her new role at Colorado College on July 1.

In this job, Edmonds, who has more than 30 years leadership experience at CC, will play a key role as Richardson's strategic advisor and principal aide, supporting and carrying out the college's goals and objectives. Edmonds, who is the first Black leader to serve as president in the college's history, will be integral to advancing the college's major institutional initiatives, including the Antiracism Implementation Plan.

Edmonds will join the incoming president and college leadership in strategic planning, policy development and decision making, and advance college priorities and initiatives that involve local, state and external agencies. Additionally, he will serve as the president's representative on key college committees and constituent groups, as well as lead special projects and committees when appropriate. He also will oversee the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center alliance.

Edmonds knows CC, its students, faculty, staff, alumni, board and community well. While in Student Life, he was dedicated to improving the student experience, residential life, student opportunities, campus safety and career planning. He has strong ties in the Colorado Springs community, having worked with leaders and partners in the city and region and serving on many area boards. He is committed to the college's antiracism initiative and has the background and understanding of CC to ensure that the college continues to flourish.

Originally from Clarksville, Tennessee, Edmonds holds a bachelor of arts, master's and Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi. He was inducted as a Hall of Fame graduate in



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1984, and inducted into its School of Education Hall of Fame in 2019. Edmonds completed a post-graduate institute at Harvard University and is a graduate of the Center for Creative Leadership.

About Colorado College

Colorado College is a nationally prominent, four-year liberal arts college that was founded in Colorado Springs in 1874. The college operates on the innovative Block Plan, in which its approximately 2,100 undergraduate students take one class at a time in intensive 3½-week segments. In 2016, Colorado College announced an alliance with the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, and the following year the two became the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, providing innovative, educational and multidisciplinary arts experiences for the campus and Colorado Springs communities. The college also offers a master of arts in teaching degree. For more information, visit www.coloradocollege.edu