



Student Life

Blockly Newsletter

Block 5 – February 2022



The Counseling Center welcomes Joyce Lee Ph.D., a Licensed Clinical Psychologist to their team! Joyce has a BA from the University of California, San Diego, and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Joyce has a background in working with college students as well as military veterans on issues around anxiety and depression. She brings an eclectic approach to her practice, drawing from cognitive behavioral and mindfulness-based interventions. Joyce's research background is on the mental health impact of racial discrimination and how people of color cope with related adversities.

—Bill Dove, Psychologist and Associate Director of Counseling & Psychological Services

Speech and Debate Updates

The Speech and Debate team competed virtually against 24 other schools at the **40th Annual Pioneer Trails Open** Tournament. Our students earned **4th Place Overall Sweepstakes** and qualified three more events to the national tournament in April.

Student Highlights:

Aidan Boyd '25, earned 2nd Place in Impromptu speaking, 2nd Place in Extemporaneous Speaking and 5th place in Informative speaking. Aidan's informative speech explores the growing demand of electric vehicles to the insufficient supply of rare-earth minerals and the human rights violations around their export:

"A 2020 Consumer Reports Survey shows that just over half of consumers would buy an EV today if given the choice and if they were equally affordable and offered by familiar brands this number jumps to 74%. Market forces and climate urgency tell us that EVs are about to explode in popularity across the US. However, our non-stop drive to adoption may have blinded us to nuance. We are driving our way into a new humanitarian crisis, and we may be unable to cut the brakes."

Stephen Sigman '22, earned 1st Place in Extemporaneous speaking and has qualified his Informative Speech to AFA-NST on the benefits and risks of online surveillance in public schools through the lens of Gaggle, a machine-learning algorithm which monitors every form of communication through a student's school-issued accounts:

"With the rising prevalence of school shootings and the mental health impact of the pandemic, district officials are grasping at straws for solutions. BuzzFeed News notes that while the government struggles to pass basic gun control legislation, and when a robust team of student counselors is financially impossible, Gaggle becomes a feasible choice."

Luke Ortiz-Grabe '25, earned 5th Place in Extemporaneous speaking and is one qualifying point away from qualifying his Informative speech on the growing homophobia in Eastern Europe through the rise of alt-right groups and homophobic sentiments have taken control of legal systems, leaving LGBTQ community members stripped of safety. He unpacks the implications of hateful rhetoric within the EU through exploring the queer exodus from and to Poland:

According to ABC News on February 10th, 2021, nearly 100 Polish towns and regions have created "LGBT-Free Zones," which has resulted in growing opposition to queer presence and non-heterosexual marriage. Though there have been calls from the European Parliament to initiate an infringement procedure, which would bring the homophobic policy of Poland under the examination of the European Court of Justice, sexual minorities across the country continue

to suffer under legally sanctioned discrimination."

Be on the look-out for a Showcase event highlighting our student's work as they prepare for the national tournament in April!

Mock Trial Updates:

Colorado College Mock Trial competed at the **Thornhill Throwdown** on January 29th and January 30th. The tournament was hosted on Zoom by the University of Portland. **CCMT went undefeated with an 8-0 record and finished in second place.**

CCMT swept the top three individual witness awards. **Aleah Cordoba '22, Bryan Moreno-Lopez '23, and Julia Fenn '24** each received distinction. **Wren Porter '22** finished as the top ranked attorney in the tournament, winning individual attorney awards for both the prosecution and defense. Porter and Fenn have won eight and six individual awards respectively this season, earning them distinction as two of the most successful individual competitors: ranking in the **top 10 college Mock Trial competitors** in the country so far this season.

CCMT returns to the virtual courtroom for American Mock Trial Association Regionals at the end of February. Let's cheer them on!

— Sarah Hinkle, Director of Competitive Communications

Student Life Promotions

- **Congratulations to Catherine “Cathy” Buckley!** She has been promoted to Director of Campus Safety, after having ably served the role in an acting capacity. She is also a member of the Student Life Senior Leadership Team. Cathy joined Colorado College in the summer of 2018 after 30 years with the City of Colorado Springs, the last ten as a police lieutenant. Cathy brings combined experience in law enforcement, emergency management, and firefighting to the college. She completed the FEMA Professional Development Series and possesses practical experience with floods, fires, and active assailant situations in operations, logistics and as a public information officer. Cathy holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Having lived on three continents before high school, Cathy considers her passport to be her most valuable possession because of the adventures it affords her.

- **Andreanna Trujillo** has been named as Associate Director of Campus Safety; she began working at Colorado College in December of 2019
- **Peter Zeitz** has been named our Acting Assistant Director of Campus Safety; Pete brings over 15 years of experience with the team
- **Andrea Culp** has been named Director of the PIFP (Public Interest Fellowship Program); she has a long and rich history engaging with and supporting PIFP fellows. We look forward to her leadership.
- **Heather Kelley** has been named Assistant Director of Employer Relations; as a former business owner and leader of an internship program, she will be shaping the employer development strategy.

New Staff

And please help us welcome the following new Student Life team members:

- **Joyce Lee** joins us as a new Licensed Clinical Psychologist with the Counseling Center. Joyce's most recent position was with the Veterans Administration
- **Kelsey Brackley** comes to us from her most recent position at the University of Colorado at Boulder to serve as our new Associate Director of Outdoor Education
- **Christian Gonzalez** is the Associate Director of the Butler Center and joins us from Cornell University
- **Katrina Beltz** is a graduate student at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and will serve as the temporary Coordinator of Anti-Racism Programs in the Butler Center
- **Josiah Van Wingerden** will join us next month as Administrative Assistant in the Wellness Resource Center

Transitions

And we also wish **Gretchen Wardell** well on her recent move from the Career Center to the Student Opportunities & Advising Hub as Student Success Specialist/Pre-Law Advisor.

Congratulations and welcome to everyone listed here!

— Dean Rochelle Dickey and the Student Life Leadership Team

Campus Safety Updates



Campus Safety welcomes new employees Kelsey Calhoun who previously worked for the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife and Greyson Konarski who previously worked for Walt Disney World in security.



Assistant Director Pete Zeitz welcomed new furry family member Marley over winter break!



CCEMS Squad members Nina Goodkin and Matthew Silverman updated the CCEMS logo!

Campus Safety said a fond farewell to Claire Donovan who retired and Newt Dunblazier who will be working in the emergency room at Penrose Main.

—Cathy Buckley, Director of Campus Safety

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