



City Champions Conference Call Meeting 9/23/09

Cities and Coordinators in Attendance

Alison Henry '99 - San Francisco

Jeff Haney '76 – Colorado Springs

Brad Friedman '82 – Denver

Laurie Marvin '80– Denver

Molly Coughlin Magdalain '01 – New York

Sally Gasper '04 – Chicago

Lee Sessions '86 – Portland

Colorado College Staff Members in Attendance

Lisa Ellis

Diane Benninghoff

Kelly Banet

Michelle Swepston

Jane Turnis

Kari Kwinn

Allan Rannals

Kristin Lynch

Geoff Falen

Nancy Winkle

Dick Celeste

Karrie Williams

Jayne Blewitt

Steve Elder

Introductions

All present introduced themselves and the department that they worked in.

Announcements

Kari Kwinn, Colorado College Admissions Counselor, announced the four admissions and information events that will be taking place across the country. President Celeste and an Admissions Counselor will be attending each event. The cities are: Chicago, September 26th, Boston, October 3rd, in the New York City area October 17th and October 18th in Washington, DC.

Geoff Falen, Director of the Career Center, reported that Sasha Nollman '09, is serving as a College Prep Mentor and Advisor for underserved students in the Chicago area. It was agreed that this would eventually be a great story to post on the City Champs webpage.

Karrie Williams, Director of Alumni & Parent Relations, passed out the schedule for faculty and senior staff travel, to date, for 2009-2010. The goal is to take advantage of these travel opportunities for consolidating/piggybacking

talks/visits with existing events that attract prospective students and or that reach out to alumni. Karrie presented Professor Dan Johnson's idea about setting up an email system as a clearinghouse for all itineraries. This would then provide information to faculty and staff regularly and entries to the Champs calendar.

Presidents Report and Updates

President Richard Celeste addressed the City Champion Coordinators and emphasized the importance of annual giving especially for financial aid. The President would like to see more money raised for the specific purpose of student financial aid here at CC.

The President also reported that Colorado College was ranked 24th among Liberal Arts Colleges for 2010 by the U.S. News & World Report. This is up six places since its last rankings.

City Champion Coordinator Reports

- Alison Henry '99 of San Francisco reported that their Champions group has hosted a summer happy hour, a new student send off and will be hosting a Tea Tasting, and Books on the Beach, March 19-21, 2010.
- Jeff Haney '76 of Colorado Springs reported that their Champions group hosted the 1st Annual Speakers and Spirits- an evening with Political Science Professor David Hendrickson at Poor Richards. Professor Hendrickson lead the discussion on, "Union, Nation, or Empire: The American Debate over International Relations" which is the title of his recently published book. There were 15 alumni in attendance. The Colorado Springs group is looking for an events coordinator.
- Laurie Marvin '80 of Denver reported that their Champions group held an admissions new student send-off event. Seven students participated. Next year they will be hosting an event at the Denver Botanical Gardens. The group has hosted a happy hour and 50 yr. Kristin Lynch will be hosting an 1874 - 80's Bash September 30th in Denver.
- Lee Sessions '86 of Portland reported that their Champions group has hosted a few happy hours and an Admissions new student send-off.
- Sally Gasper '04 of Chicago reported that their Champions group will be hosting an Admissions Event with President Celeste on September 26th. They held their planning meeting in July and they had a large number of '08 grads in attendance. The group is also considering hosting monthly happy hours.
- Molly Coughlin Magdalain '01 of New York City reported that their Champions group hosted a book reading by CC Alumnus Mike Dahlie '92, who read from his award winning novel 'A Gentleman's Guide to Graceful Living' in June. The group has been hosting monthly happy hours; they are planning a camping trip and would like more programs and events in their city. The group has 5-7 persons willing to help with events.
- Lauri Ringer '85 of Los Angeles reported that their Champions group hosted a dim sum and brainstorming lunch on July 11th. The group hosted Assistant Professor Andrew Price-Smith to talk about his new book, Contagion and Chaos: Disease, Ecology, and National Security in the Era of Globalization. Other events discussed are: A back to school event, CC Hockey Telecast and a visit with Professor Tom Lindblade, who is there on sabbatical.

Goals

One goal for 2009/10 is to focus on how to best utilize faculty visits and how to involve young alumni and engage parents.