

FEMINIST AND GENDER STUDIES HISTORY PROJECT @COLORADOCOLLEGE



DID YOU KNOW THAT COLORADO COLLEGE HAS A LONG HISTORY OF FEMINIST STUDENT ACTIVISM?

AYUDA '71

A WOMEN'S RIGHTS GROUP FORMED DURING THE 1971-1972 ACADEMIC YEAR CALLED AYUDA. ONE OF ITS MAIN GOALS WAS TO ACHIEVE EQUAL NUMBERS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN THE STUDENT BODY. BY THE EARLY 1990S, AYUDA'S GOAL OF GENDER BALANCE AT COLORADO COLLEGE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

MECHA '71

IN 1971, CC STUDENTS FOUNDED THE MOVIMIENTO ESTUDIANTIL CHICANO DE AZTLÁN (MECHA). THEIR FIRST MISSION HELPED STRENGTHEN THE EMERGING FEMINIST GROUP AYUDA BY ORGANIZING JOINT MEETINGS THAT AIMED TO EDUCATE AND FOSTER PRIDE IN CHICANO HERITAGE WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING ACTIVIST GROUPS FOR STUDENTS WITH MULTIPLE MARGINALIZED IDENTITIES ON CAMPUS.

FEMCO '80

THE FEMINIST COLLECTIVE (FEMCO) WAS FOUNDED IN 1980 AS A WOMEN'S STUDIES STUDENT INITIATIVE. THIS IS HOW THEY DESCRIBED THEMSELVES: "THE FEMINIST COLLECTIVE IS A STUDENT GROUP WHICH BRINGS EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN TO THE COLORADO COLLEGE CAMPUS"

WOMEN'S HEALTH TASK FORCE (FORMED BY AYUDA) '77

DURING THE 1977-1978 ACADEMIC YEAR, AYUDA FORMED A WOMEN'S HEALTH TASK FORCE TO STUDY WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE AT CC AS WELL AS MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITS IMPROVEMENT.

BGALA '90

IN 1990, TWO STUDENTS FROM THE 1992 WOMEN'S STUDIES COHORT AT CC FOUNDED THE BISEXUAL, GAY, AND LESBIAN ALLIANCE (BGALA). BGALA LATER JOINED THE ACCOUNTABILITY COALITION, WHICH UNITED GROUPS SUCH AS FEMCO, ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT UNION, BLACK STUDENT UNION, CHICANO MECHA, AND NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION.

H.A.G.S. '91

IN 1991, THE WOMEN'S STUDIES SENIOR COHORT ORGANIZED A FEMINIST PERFORMANCE GROUP CALLING THEMSELVES "HELL-RAISING ANGRY GIRLS."