COLORADO COLLEGE
PARENTS’ COUNCIL
“Parents are chief stakeholders. Their support is critical to ensure that students enjoy the world-class educational and immersive learning opportunities that make Colorado College a one-of-a-kind academic experience. In collaboration with parents, we can bolster innovative educational programs, deepen our scholarship, expand our reach, and cultivate the minds of our students.”

— Roger Smith,
director of parent and family giving

THE PARENTS’ COUNCIL

The Colorado College Parents’ Council will play a vital role in the life of Colorado College. Each year, the generosity of council members helps the college sustain a world-class faculty, provide experiential career placement opportunities, and support innovative learning opportunities for students.

The Colorado College Parents’ Council will be comprised of approximately eight parent households per class, representing the parents of about 2,000 undergraduates. The Council meets twice during the school year, once each semester. Members are selected based on their interest in and ability to help Colorado College fulfill its mission. A Parents’ Council household is asked to support the college at a giving level of $25,000 or more annually. One or both parents may serve on the Parents’ Council for a two-year term; terms are renewable and there are no term limits.

PARENTS’ COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

On-campus Meetings: Council members meet twice during the academic year: during Family Weekend in the fall and again during the spring semester. At the fall and spring semester meetings, the Council meets with senior college administrators, faculty members, and students.

First-Year Reach-Out Campaign: During the spring semester, Council members make five or fewer phone calls to select families of incoming first-year and transfer students to welcome them to the Colorado College community. The Parent and Family Giving Office will match Council members to new families in their geographic region or sending high school.

Represent Our Parent Constituency: Council members will educate fellow Colorado College parents about the importance of supporting Colorado College, and help build relationships between current parents and the college. Council members may also help identify potential key supporters among the parent and family community.

Support the Colorado College Parents’ Fund: Each Parents’ Council member is asked to make an annual contribution to the Colorado College Parents’ Fund of $25,000 or more.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARENTS’ COUNCIL MEMBERS

Engage with college staff and network with parents and alumni: Throughout the year, members of the Parents’ Council will be invited to exclusive events with the president of the college, distinguished faculty members, trustees, and other members of the administration.

Priority registration: Throughout the year, parents and alumni are contacted via email regarding CC-sponsored regional events and national and international travel adventures. Parents’ Council members will have the opportunity to register early for these events and trips.

Ambassador: Our staff will provide advice and aid in local logistics for parents, including assistance with lodging and student services.

VIP seating at Commencement.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Admitted Student Receptions: Every spring, after acceptance letters are mailed out and before final decisions have to be made, the Admission Office hosts admitted student receptions in different cities around the country. Parents have the opportunity to meet with other parents of admitted students, and to hear from alumni, who share their excitement and experience with admitted students.

Whether you can host an hors d’oeuvres meet-and-greet event at your home, recommend a great location for a gathering in your city, or attend as a proud Colorado College parent, we invite you to be a part of our admitted student receptions.

The Career Center: Parents play a critical role in assisting and supporting Colorado College’s Career Center, which helps students prepare for the successful transition from the college to fulfilling careers. Forwarding internship and full-time job information for current students; sponsoring interns in their places of employment; and providing funds for experiential career and research opportunities that would otherwise not be possible are some of the ways parents are instrumental in preparing students for success.
What is the Parents’ Fund?

The Parents’ Fund, part of Colorado College’s Annual Fund, is an annual fundraising effort created to help Colorado College cover the entire cost of educating your sons and daughters and young scholars. Many parents are surprised to hear that tuition, while important and substantial, only covers about 70 percent of the cost to educate a Colorado College student.

Colorado College Parents’ Council

Chair Description
The Colorado College Parents’ Council Chair or Co-Chair will serve a two-year renewable term (no term limits) and will be asked to:

- Chair the annual fall and spring Parents’ Council meetings.
- Make a leadership gift or pledge commitment early in the fiscal year (we strongly encourage the minimum $25,000).
- Help build relationships between Colorado College parents and the college.
- Recruit, reenlist, and manage effective parent volunteers for the council (parent households who have the capacity to support the college at significant levels annually).
- In concert with director of parent and family giving, secure financial support from council members for the Parents’ Fund.
- In concert with director of parent and family giving, identify potential leadership prospects by reviewing rosters of incoming undergraduate students.
- Attend council events during Family Weekend in the fall and during the spring semester.

Council Member Role Description
Colorado College Parents’ Council members will serve a two-year renewable term (no term limits) and will be asked to:

- Make a leadership gift or pledge commitment early in the fiscal year (we strongly encourage the minimum $25,000).
- Educate fellow Colorado College parents about the importance of supporting the Colorado College Annual Fund and helping reach the goals of the Colorado College Parents’ Fund.
- Help build relationships between Colorado College parents and the college.
- In concert with director of parent and family giving, identify potential leadership prospects by reviewing rosters of incoming undergraduate students.
- Secure financial support from selected parents for the Colorado College Parents’ Fund. Report the results of contact to the chair of the Parents’ Council and director of parent and family giving.
- Attend council events during Family Weekend in the fall and during the spring semester.
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