



COLORADO COLLEGE

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION NEWSLETTER

March 2024

WELCOME TO CC AND THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:

Brian Cortez – Finance Team

Wyatt Roberts – Facilities Service Team



Thank you for your Service:

Rick Hessek – Mail Services – 5 years
Marcus Moreno – Facilities Services - 10 years
Josh Ortiz – Facilities Services - 10 years
Justin Porter – Facilities Services – 5 years
Lori Seager – Finance – 5 years

In remembrance of George Eckhardt

Facilities Services



George devoted himself to Colorado College, working as the campus planner in Campus Operations and Facilities Services for 40 years. He cared deeply for this community, pouring his time and energy into making CC an amazing experience for everyone to enjoy. His knowledge and memory were astounding, working for generations on every square inch of our campus from walkways to buildings to historic preservation projects and creating solid infrastructures. Through blueprints, restoration, renovations, and construction projects, George shaped the campus while preserving the history and creating a sense of belonging. Due to George's integrity and dependability, he created long lasting partnerships and provided stability not only to Facilities Services but the entire campus. George loved to share his passion, excitement and knowledge of the campus and work he accomplished with others.



Thank you for your memorable contributions to CC! You will be missed!

Did you Know?

The Performance Evaluation Process has changed, please review [here](#).

Check out the [Comprehensive Tuition and Fees for Academic Year 2024-25](#)

Colorado College was honored by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management with a 2018 Tree Campus USA recognition, read about it [here](#)!

Colorado College Children's Center Update:

Kim Foster began her career at CC, May 1999, when she was still in college, working every summer at the children's center until she graduated college. She was hired full time as an Early Childhood Teacher, May 2002 and has been teaching full-time ever since. In August 2020, Kim applied and was selected for the Assistant Director position. In the fall 2023, the Director position became available, and Kim applied and was selected, starting her new role December 2023.

Congratulations, Kim!

Don't miss "pie day (Pi Day)" at Facilities Services, March 14th at 3:14 p.m.

What is Pi Day?

This is the magical day the number 3.14 brings to the world. March 14th commemorates the mathematical number, Pi. This marks the day on which math enthusiasts and pie lovers alike celebrate!

The celebration of Pi Day began on March 14, 1988, at the San Francisco Exploratorium, where physicist Larry Shaw organized a celebration to make mathematics more relatable and fun.





Finance staff taking part in clay activities at the FAC Bemis School of Art December 2023



Brian Cortez started on January 29th as the new Director of Financial Planning and Systems. Brian comes to CC with many years of experience in accounting, the tax side of a few public accounting firms, and most recently as Director for Budget & Finance in D20 and Chief of Business/Operational Services in D11. Brian and his wife, Allison, love to spend time outdoors with their two dogs. Brian also enjoys growing a garden every year.

Finance News

-Jen Smithwick has been hired as the new Associate VP of Finance and will begin her full-time role in April.

-The Controller position interviews are underway!

In November 2023, the finance, HR, financial aid, and registrar's offices contracted with CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) to complete a Business Opportunity Assessment. After the effects of the pandemic, leadership recognized the value of a third-party assessment for potential enhancements to systems and technology, processes, and possibly team structure to best support our organization. CLA has completed their assessment, and the final report has been submitted to the college. The finance team met on March 7, 2024, to discuss the findings. Other departments will be pulled in as progress is made. More to come on this exciting project!

Save the Date! As part of the ADEI Action Plan in building Climate, Culture and Communication a photographer has been hired to get updated profile pictures taken for every team member in the division. If you have not had a picture taken in the last year, please consider getting your photo taken on the afternoon of March 28th and the morning of March 29th. Use the links below to sign up!

Thursday Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545AEAA2A-AAFE3-48416988-finance>

Friday Sign Up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0545AEAA2A-AAFE3-48417311-finance>

Finance and Administration Division Meeting

Please plan to attend the spring
F&A Divisional meeting
Friday, March 15th from 3:30 – 5:00 pm
in Bemis Great Hall