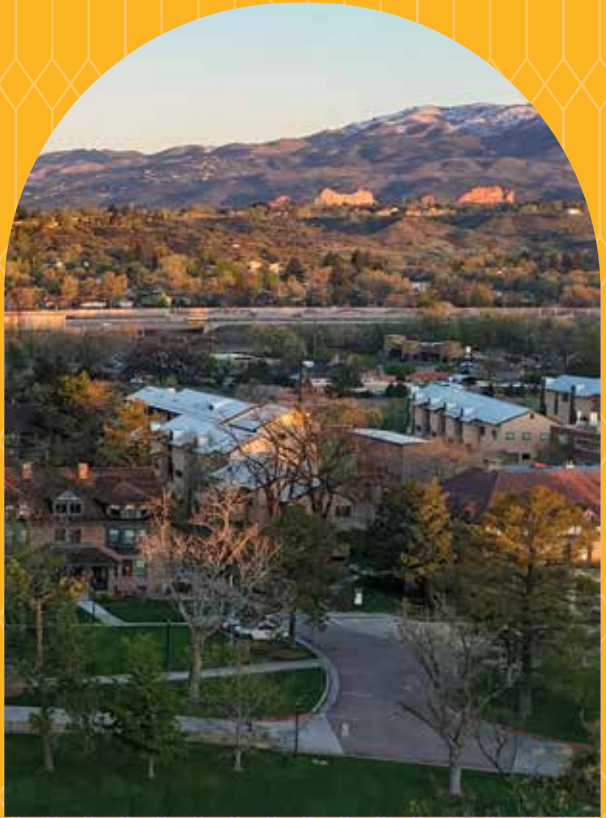


*2024-25*

# **ANNUAL REPORT**

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## *A Message From* **THE PRESIDENT**

Dear CC Community,

The 2024–25 year marked a defining moment for Colorado College: our 150th anniversary and the beginning of a new era. We celebrated and reflected on the generations who built this institution and kept it progressing in innovative ways. At the same time, we set our sights on what comes next: a stronger, more connected CC prepared to carry the values of a liberal arts education into a changing world.

Serving as interim president during this transitional year—amid broader challenges facing higher education—was an extraordinary privilege. Across campus and beyond, our students, faculty, staff, and alumni demonstrated the power of learning that is immersive, applied, and deeply human. Now, as your permanent president, I am inspired by the momentum we've built and the shared purpose that fuels it.

Our collective efforts reaffirm this truth: that Colorado College will claim our space in higher education by shaping citizens who think deeply, act boldly, and build a more compassionate tomorrow, proving that an immersive liberal arts education creates the leaders our world demands.

This new publication celebrates the many ways that impact takes shape. I hope as you read, you will see yourself reflected in these stories and feel proud of the people and ideas moving CC forward. Together, we're shaping a future worthy of our 150-year legacy.

With appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Manya C. Whitaker".

***Manya Whitaker, President***



### From Research to Restorative Justice

Luke Ortiz-Grabe '25

At Colorado College, Luke Ortiz-Grabe '25 discovered his passion for law and community service through research with Political Science Professor John Gould and hands-on work as a Bonner Fellow. His studies connected him with the Center for Applied NonViolent Action and Strategies (CANVAS) in Serbia, where he completed a summer internship and inspired projects that strengthened support for the LGBTQ+ community in Colorado Springs.

Now a judicial clerk at the Denver District Court and preparing for law school, Ortiz-Grabe is committed to addressing root causes that lead to positive change.

"You can't go through CC without forming an opinion on what you're learning and vocalizing it."



Read the full story online



The ALHAMDU | MUSLIM FUTURISM museum exhibition in fall 2024 was an interactive experience for students and visitors that featured everything from paintings and photography to digital media and virtual reality.

### Connecting Campus and Community AT THE FAC

The Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College is an integral part of CC, where arts, education, and community converge to enrich the College and the Pikes Peak Region. The FAC's museum, professional theatre, and Bemis School of Art reinforce the belief that the arts are a shared resource, opening doors to cultural exploration, scholarship, and creativity for all.

57,393

visits through more than 1,350 programs, including hands-on artmaking, captivating theatre performances, thought-provoking exhibitions, and dynamic special events

7,105

visits from the CC community in FY25

38%

academic student visits

### Bridging Campus TO CAREER

Through professional resources and engagement with alumni, employers, and faculty, students turned academic knowledge into tangible career opportunities.

144

Tigers and alumni connected at the Career Center's Business and Government Career Nights, building networks and exchanging insights across business and public service

110

students received summer internship funding to pursue opportunities in 22 states and 13 countries

100+

students and alumni matched and participated in career conversations through the CC Mentoring Program

93%

of students utilized at least one Career Center support or resource

### From CC to Graduate School

Did you know?

62% of CC graduates at 15 years out (Class of 2010) are pursuing or have completed postgraduate education. Of those, 41% are in the fields of health and medicine or natural sciences.

### Highlights from a Year of PROGRESS AND PURPOSE

In a milestone year, Colorado College and its students, faculty, staff, and alumni were recognized for achievements showcasing the power of a liberal arts education. Honors for research, service, equity, and academics affirmed what our community already knows: CC's influence reaches far beyond campus.



#### Research Colleges and Universities Designation

Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education® (new!)

- 1 of 36 U.S. liberal arts colleges that spend an average of \$2.5M or more on research annually



#### Top Fulbright Producing Institution

U.S. State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

- Only college in Colorado to make the list at the undergraduate level



#### Career Connected Campus

Colorado Department of Education

- 1 of 7 institutions recognized for integrating academic curriculum with work-based learning experiences



#### Higher Education Excellence and Distinction (HEED) Award

Insight Into Academia magazine

- 3rd consecutive year recognized for outstanding commitment to academic excellence and belonging



#### Top Producer of Peace Corps Volunteers Among Small Colleges

- 13 alums serving in 9 countries
- 375 alums have served abroad through the program to date

### Tiger Pride:

### CHAMPIONS IN SPORT AND SCHOLARSHIP

Tiger student-athletes upheld CC's tradition of excellence on the field and in the classroom, earning numerous conference championships, NCAA tournament appearances, and individual honors.



Goaltender Kaidan Mbereko '25

91%

of varsity student-athletes named conference All-Academic

6

conference championships

4

conference Coaches of the Year

7

All-Americans



Zoë Tomlinson '25, 2024-25 SCAC Player of the Year

4

NCAA team appearances: women's cross country, men's soccer, women's basketball, women's lacrosse

22

individual conference champions

2nd-best

Director's Cup showing in CC history (fall and winter)

10

conference Players of the Year

## Excellence in Research AND INNOVATION

Faculty secured competitive grants and advanced knowledge across disciplines, often inviting students into the process. They created opportunities for students to push the boundaries of undergraduate learning and impact academic, professional, and civic spaces.

During the 2024–25 academic year:



\$3.4M

22 faculty and staff managed 29 different research awards, totaling \$3.4 million in funding

+21%

Faculty and staff submitted 25 new applications for external research funding, despite a changing landscape—a 21% increase in submissions over our 10-year average

6

Faculty received 6 new research awards from the National Science Foundation, New England Foundation for the Arts, and the Council for Innovation Promotion

111

111 students conducted research alongside faculty through the Student Collaborative Research (SCoRe) program

## Learning Without BOUNDARIES

Through global education, research, and field experiences, students developed practical skills and a global mindset to navigate complex challenges.

599

students studied abroad in 55 countries and 6 U.S. states—the second-highest participation level in CC history

33

CC faculty-led courses spanned 19 countries, from Greece to Panama to Azerbaijan

24

academic departments offered 298 field experiences in 9 U.S. states—Organismal Biology & Ecology, Geology, and Environmental Studies & Science were the top participating departments

Nearly

\$150,000

in Keller Family Venture Grants distributed to 95 students to pursue independent projects in 29 countries and territories

### CC Celebrates Two Watson Fellows in One Year

A rare achievement:

Dan Schmidt '25 and Andrew Han '25 each received the prestigious **Thomas J. Watson Fellowship** to pursue their passions on a global scale—the first time since 2015 that CC has had multiple Watsons in a single year.

## Preparing Tigers for LIVES OF IMPACT

CC invested in partnerships and programs that empowered students to engage meaningfully with their communities and pursue lives and careers of impact.



210+

community organizations partnered with CC (up from 192 last year)

60%

of students participated in community-based work

5,205

hours of local community service contributed by Bonner Fellows, Community Engaged Scholars, and BreakOut trip participants—resulting in a combined \$77,086 economic impact

70

employees participated in CC Week of Action, supporting 8 local nonprofits

In welcoming signature events to campus, CC deepened local partnerships, celebrated long-standing collaborations, and increased its visibility on a national stage.

### CC Hosted:

- Rocky Mountain Women's Film Festival
- Colorado Springs Undergraduate Research Forum
- African American Youth Leadership Conference
- 10 local high school graduations
- USA Weightlifting Championships

## Life Beyond THE CLASSROOM

Students embraced campus life and explored their passions through the arts, athletics, and more than 100 clubs and organizations.



1,000+ students involved in 100+ registered student organizations

### 71% of students attended at least one signature student event:

- **Llamapalooza:** 1,800+ students, approx. 150 guests
- **Dance Workshop:** approx. 3,000 attendees, 400+ dancers
- **Senior Prom:** 425+ attendees
- **Fashion Show:** 375+ attendees, 100+ participants
- **Battle of the Bands:** 400+ attendees
- **2 new student traditions piloted:**
  - Campus Sleep-Out
  - Tiger Lookalike Contest

### Students found fitness, fun, and adventure through campus recreation:

- 507 club sport participants
- 1,587 intramural participants
- 108,092 unique visits to Adam F. Press Fitness Center
- 8,502 equipment rentals from the Ahlberg Gear House

### Creativity took shape through art workshops and showcases:

- 475 participants in 100 Arts & Crafts workshops
- 84 independent student projects
- 10 in-house visiting artists
- 40 student artists and 48 community artists exhibited at the CC Arts & Crafts Fair with student earnings exceeding \$15,000



### Finding Success Through Collaboration

Phoebe Frankel '25

"Before CC, everything was inadvertently competitive. But being at CC where your classmates and your professors want to challenge you and want to see you succeed was a positive experience for me."

Phoebe Frankel '25 first noticed this collaborative spirit in her First-Year Program, where students formed study groups and supported one another through oral exams. That mindset carried into her work over four years as a Bonner Fellow, where she created lessons and led outdoor programs for K–12 students at the Catamount Institute.

Now in Vanguard's investment management program, Phoebe reflects: "You don't have to push people down to bring yourself up. We can work together and all move upwards."



Read the full story online

# *Honoring Our Legacy,* **SHAPING OUR FUTURE**

Gifts of all sizes have sustained Colorado College's 150-year tradition of bold thinking and creating new possibilities for the future.

**In the spring of 2025, the MacLean family, whose CC legacy dates back to 1925, bestowed a \$2.5M gift to endow the Career Catalyst program.** This innovative program immerses students in faculty-led blocks with real-world organizations, helping them gain experience, develop transferable skills, and launch successful careers.

Every gift—large or small—helps ensure access to transformative experiences and enables innovation across campus. CC is **one of only 84 U.S. colleges and universities that meet the full demonstrated financial need** of every admitted student. And we couldn't do it without you.

## 2024–25 Fiscal Year

**\$21.4M**

total dollars contributed

**8,419**

total unique donors

**\$100**

most common gift amount

**\$5.6M**

raised toward scholarships

*Nearly*

**\$4.6M**

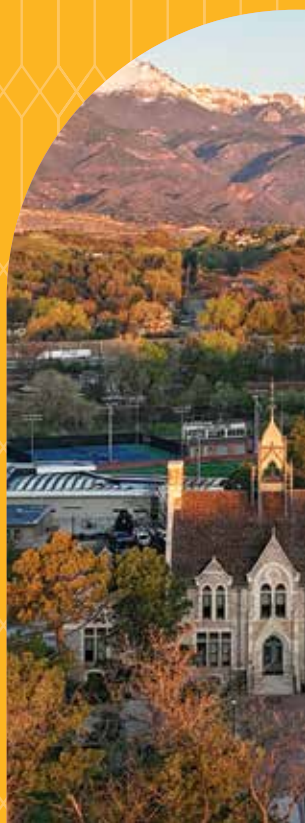
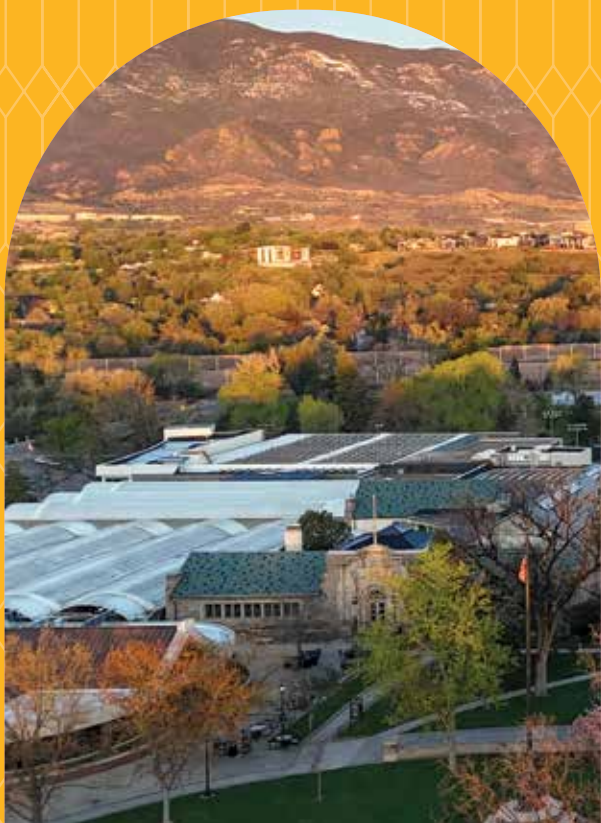
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*Make a gift to support  
limitless possibilities*



*For even more examples of CC's impact,  
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