Dear CC Students and Parents,

While navigating this academic year along with COVID-19 brings many challenges, we are working to make it as smooth as possible for our students and families. We are adding flexibility so students may take **10 blocks for the price of 8 blocks**, or adjust their year to fit their own needs. While billing for this expanded and flexible year will look different, the payment options offered previously will remain, with an added option as well.

Because students will have an expanded academic calendar this year, tuition charges will reflect students’ course selection. Financial aid will be disbursed based on the number of courses in which a student enrolls, with financial aid remaining proportional to charges.

The college has maintained a standard charge per block that is equal to one-third of a semester’s tuition. Tuition will be charged as follows:

- **1/3 of a semester ($10,144 per block) for the first three blocks (no matter when taken), with a fourth block offered without charge.**
- **The next three blocks (no matter when taken in the year) will be charged 1/3 of a semester ($10,144 per block) as normal, but the expanded calendar will provide the opportunity for an eighth, ninth, and 10th block without charge.**

We understand these are uncertain times and the upcoming academic year may be stressful, so we have also developed flexible payment options for students and families.

The flexibility of this year’s calendar makes it difficult to charge tuition on a semester basis as we usually do. For example, if a student chooses to take blocks 1 – 4 and J in the fall semester and only blocks 7 and 8 in the spring, charging the same amount per semester would not correspond to their academic schedule. When billing statements are available online on August 11, annual charges for tuition, housing, meal plans and health premiums (if applicable) will be shown, with the assumption that students will be enrolled full-time. The charges shown will be reduced by annual estimated financial aid.

However, this does **not** mean students are asked to pay the amount in full at once. As in past years, students and families may tailor their payment arrangements to suit their needs by paying one-time, by semester, or monthly. There will be no origination or payment plan fees for any arrangements.

For more information related to billing please see the [student accounts FAQs](#). The financial aid FAQs are available on our [website](#).

In addition, we hope you will join us for a virtual CC Town Hall on Tuition and Billing at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 6. There, we will answer questions and explain this year’s options for students and how billing will work. If you are unable to attend, the recording and transcript of the town hall will be posted on our [COVID-19 webpage](#).
In this virtual town hall, Lori Seager, associate vice president for finance, and Shannon Amundson, director of financial aid, will discuss the schedule for the 2020-21 school year and how CC’s billing cycle also will be adjusted to offer maximum flexibility to students and families. They also will discuss billing timelines and new payment plan options, as well as how financial aid will be handled in the new year with all of the added flexibility for families.

Pre-registration to the Zoom webinar is required: https://coloradocollege.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_n45DwKMSQGWwNY8388P94A
The Zoom webinar will also be streamed via Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/coloradocollege/videos/
You may submit your questions before the event to communications@coloradocollege.edu

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We are here to answer your questions. Contact us at StudentAccounts@coloradocollege.edu, or (719) 389-6698. We encourage students with financial aid to contact financialaid@coloradocollege.edu to receive an estimate of their bill for the year if they do not plan to be full-time on campus for the year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We hope you and your families are healthy and safe. We look forward to working with you as we prepare for the new academic year.

Sincerely,

Lori Seager
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Director of Financial Aid