DEAR FRIENDS,

We are optimistic and excited about Colorado College’s future as we continue to invest in our people, place, and program.

Through the generosity of alumni, parents, and friends, the college has raised $361.8 million toward our $435 million goal through Building on Originality: The Campaign for Colorado College, as of the end of the fiscal year 2019. We also hope that at least 50 percent of our alumni will participate in the campaign, and so far 42.8 percent of alumni have contributed.

Donors are having an impact across the college. Generous gifts are funding scholarships that make Colorado College accessible for high-promise students. We opened an award-winning library that was designed to support the Block Plan, and initiated an ambitious performing arts program that is a collaboration between the Fine Arts Center, Colorado College academic departments, and talented alumni and students.

Our top remaining campaign priorities are fundraising for scholarships and supporting Innovation at Colorado College. We have raised $58.5 million toward our $100 million goal for scholarships as of June 30, 2019. Raising $40 million for an innovation building as well as Creativity & Innovation at CC will support programming like the Risk Project, Innovators in Residence, and collaborations across the curriculum that foster students’ creative confidence.
MAKING THE PLEDGE

At the beginning of the 2019-20 academic year, we launched the Colorado Pledge, a pilot financial aid program designed to ensure that CC is as or more affordable for Colorado students from low- and middle-income families than the state’s flagship public university. Increasing the percentage of Colorado students (currently 15 percent) at CC is a critical objective as the college’s sense of place in the West factors prominently in our strategic plan, The Colorado College Plan: Building on the Block. Our regional commitment is further affirmed by our alliance with the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College.

The college has already received more than $5 million from generous donors to the Colorado Pledge, including those who have joined Susie B’s Challenge, a $2.5 million challenge announced in September 2019 to match new gifts of $50,000 or more for endowed scholarships.

BUILDING A NEW HOCKEY HOME

We continue to build excitement about the Edward J. Robson Arena, a multi-purpose, state-of-the-art, sustainable sports facility to be located on the block bordering Dale, Tejon, and Cache La Poudre Streets and Nevada Avenue. Through our partnership with Colorado Springs’ City for Champions initiative, our arena is one of four venues designed to strengthen and diversify the economic impact of the Pikes Peak Region’s visitor attractions. The groundbreaking for Robson Arena is set for February 2020, with a projected opening in Fall 2021.

In March 2019, Tigers Hockey swept the University of Denver, winning their first Gold Pan since 2014. Jaden Schwartz ’14 returned to CC’s Honnen Arena in September to connect and skate with the Tigers before his training camp in St. Louis, and went on to win the Stanley Cup with the St. Louis Blues in June.

We are thrilled that Lesley Irvine has joined the college as vice president and director of athletics. She brings a wealth of experience as a national champion student-athlete, coach of conference-championship teams, and administrator of Division I and Division III athletics programs. Her leadership, vision, and energy are moving Colorado College Athletics forward.

COMMITTING TO ANTIRACISM

Colorado College has developed an Antiracism Implementation Plan to guide CC’s ongoing, long-term goal of becoming an antiracist institution. During the 2018-19 academic year, Dr. Roger Worthington of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education led an external review of racism at CC, and we shared his final report with the campus community in May. Over the summer, representatives from the faculty, student body, Board of Trustees, and administration carefully considered the report and its recommendations. Then, we drafted the college’s Antiracism Implementation Plan, with a timeline and metrics for measuring our progress. You can follow our progress and stay engaged through the CC website.

REALIZING OUR VISION

We are inspired by all that has been accomplished through the campaign, and we know that realizing our vision during these final two years requires support from the entire Colorado College community.

We are grateful to every member who is moving our vision for Colorado College forward through generous commitments to the campaign. We need your continued support, through your gifts and by encouraging others to join the effort.

Thank you for all you are doing to support Colorado College!

Sincerely,

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