



## Welcome

Welcome to the first Community College of Aurora Foundation newsletter. We hope this newsletter will serve as a tool to keep the community informed about all the excitement happening at the Foundation. This newsletter will be sent quarterly with updates, interviews, and information on upcoming events.

The CCAF website was recently updated to include infor-

mation about the Foundation Scholarship Awarding process. This link provides useful information for students, donors, faculty and staff about how students are selected for these scholarships. Please check out the new information available at:

<http://www.ccaurora.edu/foundation/>

## 2007 CCA Foundation 2nd Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon

by Liz Vanlandingham

The Community College of Aurora Foundation Scholarship Recognition Luncheon was held April 26 at the Hyatt Regency DTC. Denver philanthropist Janet Elway was honorary chair of this year's event, which recognized CCA Foundation scholarship donors and recipients. Elway emphasized the importance of community and paying-it-forward to provide educational opportunities for people who may not otherwise have the chance to go to college. Ed Greene, CBS4 Meteorologist, served as Master of Ceremonies.



Janet Elway, Honorary Chair

Bob LeGare, scholarship donor and CCA alumnus, and Lauren Johnson, United Way Workplace Educational Scholarship Assistance Recipient, were speakers. LeGare who attended CCA, shared his story about receiving a better education for a successful career at CCA than he had previously received at a 4-year institution. Johnson also shared her story, a single mother who enrolled at CCA to build a better life for herself and her sons. Johnson graduates this spring and has been accepted at the University of Colorado Health Science Center School of Pharmacology.

Last year's Scholarship Luncheon raised over \$30,000 for two new scholarships for high school seniors: CCA's Chair's Choice Award, a 2-year \$10,000 scholarship, and CCA's Foundation Scholarship, a 2-year \$5,000 scholarship over two years. Jeff Potter, president and CEO for Frontier Airlines, announced the Chair's Choice Award winner as Justin Lewis a senior at Gateway High School. Potter said Lewis was selected from the applicant pool because of the passion the senior showed toward his school, community and church.

Dale Mingilton, CCA Foundation Board President, announced the CCA Foundation Scholarship winner Kimber Avra, a senior at Hinkley High School. Mingilton said Avra was chosen because she persevered in the face of adversity and demonstrated a commitment to her dreams and goals. With additional donations from Majestic Realty and Kingdom Enlightenment, Samatha Banach from Aurora Central received \$2,500 as did Didier Ndekezi from Hinkley High School.

CCA President Linda Bowman announced that Martha Carter-Jackson, CCA Science chair and Chemistry faculty, was the winner of the Bowman Faculty Recognition Award. Bowman said Jackson was an example of the highly qualified teachers at CCA who are committed to giving their students an education that competes with or exceeds other colleges. Bowman said the science labs have been equipped better than many 4-year institutions due to the CCA Foundation's funding and Jackson's vision.

Over 300 people attended the luncheon including other scholarship recipients and their families, the Honorable Mayor Ed Tauer, Aurora City Council Members, Aurora business and community leaders, representatives from Aurora Public Schools and Cherry Creek Schools, and CCA faculty and staff. The annual event is the Foundation's largest fundraising event for CCA student scholarships.

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### Student Spotlight — Heather Maestas

Heather Maestas is the April Scholarship Student of the month! A Daniels Scholar taking 12 credit hours this semester, Heather says she chose CCA for many reasons. "Having received my GED in 2001 I was intimidated by a university style campus and believed that CCA offered the starting block I needed to get started with my higher education."

After receiving her Bachelors degree Heather wants to begin her career in education teaching at the high school level. She also plans to obtain her Masters and says, "I plan on teaching in higher education possibly even at the Community College of Aurora!"

Through work-study, Heather has had the opportunity to do many things she didn't think were possible. "Working with Angie Tiedeman has opened my eyes to so many new

things that I cannot even begin to articulate. She is there for all students, faculty and anyone in between. Through work-study I have not only been learning new skills that will help me in the workplace, I have learned skills that will help in day-to-day life, not only for me, but for others as well."

Heather's favorite classes were the Photography courses taught by John Johnson. "His eye for the art has helped me to see in so many new directions. Through his direction I have been involved not only in student shows but also a community show and one of my goals is to continue in that direction."

Heather also comments that her two daughters definitely drive her to be successful. She says "It also helps to know that so many people have your

back – I have found CCA to be true to its name in the sense of Community. Everyone wants you to succeed and I have a support system here that I have never really felt my entire life."

In her spare time Heather is the President of the Photography Club, President of the Art Club, and President of the Spanish Club. She is also the Secretary of the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Legislative Liaison for the State Student Advisory Council (SSAC).



Heather Maestas and Janet Elway

### Janet Elway Reception

Honorary Corporate Chair, Janet Elway was honored at a reception held at Larry and Jean Pisciotta's home on April 5, 2007. Student, Heather Maestas spoke about her experience at CCA.

Jean and Larry  
Pisciotta

### CCA Foundation 2007 Board of Directors

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### 2007 Scholarship Luncheon Photos



Larry Pisciotta, Ed Greene,  
Diana Whye, Marci Fengler



Jeff Potter, Dale Mingilton, Jeanette Carmany,  
Samantha Banach, Kimber Avra, John Barry,  
Justin Lewis, Didier Ndekezi



Martha Jackson-Carter and  
Dr. Linda Bowman

### Meet the CCA Foundation Staff

#### Diana Whye — Executive Director

Diana Whye is the Executive Director of the Community College of Aurora Foundation. Ms. Whye holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration from Regis University as well as a Certificate in Fundraising Manage-

ment from the Fundraising School at Indiana University. Her community service includes serving as the Assistant Secretary for the Aurora Rotary Club, as well as serving as a trustee and Nominating Committee Chair for the

Colorado Children's Chorale. Ms. Whye also serves on the advisory council for the Mile High Girl Scouts and is a parent volunteer at Colorado Academy.

#### Kacee Austin — Development Coordinator

Originally from Missouri, Kacee obtained her Bachelors in Communication at Missouri State University in Springfield, MO and her Masters in International and Intercultural Communication at the University of Denver. Kacee has been

at the CCA Foundation for two and a half years. Kacee enjoys music, reading, cooking vegetarian dishes and she is a registered yoga teacher. Kacee loves international travel and has visited France, England, Ireland, Scotland,

Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, Japan and China. She has also lived as a student in London and Brisbane, Australia. She currently lives in Denver with her cat Eliot J. Periwinkle.

#### Esther Mendez Albertson — Bookkeeper/Database Manager

Esther received her Bachelors in Business Administration at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. She had various positions in a computer manufacturing company including clerical, customer support in office

applications, system administration, and programming. Esther has been at the CCA Foundation for 7 months. Esther enjoys working with computers (always learning another software application), music, reading and walking.

She has a small bookkeeping/ payroll service company and is working on obtaining her Governmental Accounting Certificate from the Community College of Aurora. Esther has 2 children in college.

#### Name Our Newsletter Contest

Do you have an exciting or fun name for the CCA Foundation Newsletter? Submit your ideas to Kacee Austin at:

[Kacee.austin@ccaaurora.edu](mailto:Kacee.austin@ccaaurora.edu)

If we choose your name as the title you will win a prize!

Providing us with your email address will help us defray mailing costs. Please send your email address to Kacee Austin at:

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# Ways to Give

## Ways to Make a Difference Today

### CASH AND GIFT PLEDGE

The advantage of this method is that the actual cost of the gift (to you) is less than the total dollar amount given to the CCA Foundation. You can deduct up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income in the year you make a gift. Any excess over 50 percent can be deducted over the next five years. (Future cash pledges should be made either in writing or by means of a pledge card. Pledges cannot be claimed until the gift is made.)

### MATCHING GIFT

Check to see if your employer (or spouse's employer) matches employee donations to qualified nonprofit organizations like the CCA Foundation. Some even double or triple employee gifts.

### STOCKS AND BONDS

Current market conditions have created ideal giving opportunities for these appreciated assets. If you held the asset more than one year, you can deduct its fair market value up to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income and owe no capital gains taxes from its transfer to the CCA Foundation.

### REAL ESTATE

You can give private, commercial, or agricultural property to the CCA Foundation. If your property has decreased in value, you should consider selling it and contributing the proceeds to receive both capital loss and charitable gift deductibles. We prefer that you contact us during the early stages of your planning so we can jointly decide the best use of the property by the Foundation. An environmental assessment may be required.

### EQUIPMENT

The Foundation accepts equipment that can be of some use by the College or can be quickly sold. It is best to contact the Foundation Office to discuss potential equipment before making such a gift. You also must obtain an appraisal for equipment contributions over \$5,000.

### PERSONAL PROPERTY

Works of art, books, vehicles, etc., are considered gifts of personal property. Your deduction will depend on the appraised value and how the gift will be used by the Foundation or the College (see appraisal and related-use sections).

## Ways to Make a Difference in the Future

### YOUR WILL

Your will can include gifts in the form of:

- cash, stocks, bonds, real estate, or personal property
- a specified percentage of your estate
- the balance of your estate after family members have been taken care of

Be sure to work closely with your attorney if you want the CCA Foundation to be the recipient of a future gift.

### LIFE INSURANCE

Talk with your life insurance agent to discuss the types of insurance gifts you can make. Insurance gifts can benefit you and CCA in many ways. You can make a substantial gift with modest premium payments, or it's a good use of paid-up policies that are no longer needed for family members.

### RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Naming the CCA Foundation as a beneficiary of a portion of your retirement funds is another option. Be sure to contact the administrator or person in charge of your IRA, Profit Sharing Account, or other retirement plan to list the CCA Foundation.

## Ways to Make a Creative Gift

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES

You give the CCA Foundation a gift of money, stocks, bonds, or other liquid assets, and the CCA Foundation will pay you or a beneficiary a fixed amount on a regular basis until death. A large part of this income is tax-free, and you also receive a charitable deduction for part of the gift. This is appropriate for gifts in the \$5,000 to \$50,000 range.

### CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

By transferring assets to the CCA Foundation to establish a trust, you or a beneficiary receive a lifetime income. Eventually, the remaining assets of the trust pass on to the CCA Foundation. This gift works well if you need income now. This is appropriate for gifts of \$50,000 or more.

### CHARITABLE LEAD TRUSTS

You may transfer assets to a trust for a fixed number of years. The interest earned will go to the CCA Foundation, and later principal will go back to you or your beneficiaries. This gift works well if you do not need current income and want the asset to go to a beneficiary. You may claim a tax deduction for making a lead trust gift.

### RETAINED LIFE ESTATE

If you deed property (a house, summer home, farm home, etc.) to the CCA Foundation, you and/or your spouse retain the right to live in the house for the remainder of your life. You also receive an immediate income tax deduction for the gift. The Foundation will most likely sell the property when

you or spouse no longer need it.

## Other Things to Consider

### TAX TIP

A charitable gift to the campaign should be made on or before December 31 of the year in which you wish to receive the charitable income tax deduction.

### RELATED-USE REGULATIONS

If items of personal property (including equipment) can be used by the College, you will receive a maximum allowable deduction. If there is no related use, you receive a smaller deduction. Contact your financial advisors for special related use issues in giving.

### CORPORATE LIMITS

A corporation is permitted to make and deduct philanthropic investments of up to 10 percent of its taxable income. Excess contributions may carry over to the next five tax years.

### APPRAISALS

You must obtain an appraisal for any noncash contribution which exceeds \$5,000. The appraisal summary section of IRS Form 8283 must be completed and attached to your income tax return on which the deduction is claimed. No appraisal is required for a gift of publicly-traded securities for which market quotations are readily available on an established securities market.

### GIFT STEWARDSHIP

Your gift will be used specifically for the purpose (s) they were given and treated with the utmost care and confidentiality per your instructions.

### GIFT RECOGNITION

All gifts to the campaign qualify for appropriate levels of recognition from the CCA Foundation.

### CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISORS

The information on this page is not offered as legal advice. For legal advice, please contact your tax attorney and tax accountant.

### WHERE TO DIRECT YOUR GIFT

The CCA Foundation is the official recipient for all gifts to the College. Checks should be made out to the CCA Foundation, or you can [make a donation online](#). Property should be transferred to the CCA Foundation, and property should be sold in the name of the CCA Foundation. If you need the CCA Foundation's tax ID number, please contact the Foundation Office.