



Outstanding Alumni—Carole O’Shea

This year the CCA Foundation Alumni Association honored its first ever Outstanding Alumni Recipient, Carole O’Shea. The CCAF Outstanding Alumni recipient is nominated by alumni, community members, faculty, and staff and is selected for distinguished and professional achievement, and bringing recognition to his/her alma mater through outstanding service and significant contributions to his/her community. We applaud Carole for her remarkable achievements.

If you would like to recognize an Outstanding Alumni contact Kacee Austin at Kacee.Austin@ccaurora.edu or 303-360-4829 for a nomination form.

Criminal Justice Degree at CCA Just a Beginning for Alumnus Carole O’Shea

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Carole O’Shea

There are days when former Community College of Aurora (CCA) student Carole O’Shea would rather pull the covers over her head than witness the chaos that crime wreaks on citizens and communities—but that just isn’t who she is.

O’Shea, a Victim’s Services Coordinator for the Aurora Police Department (APD) recently received the

Humanitarian Award for her work in the APD’s Victim’s Services Unit, works around the clock with victims of crime and their families.

It is a job she loves and has prepared for since her days studying criminal justice at CCA.

“The work of a victim’s advocate is physically, emotionally and mentally exhausting,” said Lt. Rick Brandt. “They are on call 24-7 and must become involved in some of the most difficult situations a person can imagine. But she was prepared and has been trained well for this level of dedication and commitment.”

But it is hardly ever easy.

“I work in a program for drug-endangered kids as well,” O’Shea said. “These can be children caught in the crosshairs when their parents are caught running methamphetamine labs.”

In those situations, O’Shea and her staff must work with the Department of Social Services and other agencies to rescue those children and place them in safe homes.

“It is heartbreaking when you’re faced with removing a child who may already be traumatized from their home, especially if they can’t be placed with family members,” O’Shea said.

“But with their safety and well-being as the top priority, you have to stay focused on that,” she said.

O’Shea credits her staff and the 28 community volunteers that give their time with making her job a little easier.

“We couldn’t do this without them,” she said. “Their presence gives us a diverse range of backgrounds, experiences, and

opinions, which helps us see every situation as unique.”

O’Shea is accustomed to diverse environments and prepared for this role in her life back in the nineties as a CCA student.

“CCA is where it all started for me,” O’Shea said.

O’Shea received a Certificate in Victim Services from CCA in 1993, and then earned her Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1998. She transferred to Metro State where she received her four-year degree in 2000.

“I learned so much from the professionals in their fields that taught my classes,” said O’Shea. “They not only inspired me, but I felt so supported and encouraged by the staff.”

Upon graduation from Metro State, O’Shea was hired at the APD and assigned as a victim’s advocate in Aurora’s north-west district where she quickly achieved a reputation as an outstanding advocate.

In 2005, she was promoted to supervisor of the Victims Services unit.

Some of her other notable activities include working an extraordinary number of hours and days with the victims of Hurricane Katrina who were evacuated to Lowry AFB. She has also worked with the APD’s “Cops Fighting Cancer” campaign and provides training to volunteer advocates in the areas of domestic violence, crisis intervention, safety and awareness for teens, and sexual assault.

“It has been a great but hard journey,” she said.

“Hard” is hardly an adequate description according to O’Shea’s supervisor, Lt. Rick Brandt.

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O’Shea however, remains up to the challenge having prepared for it ahead of time.

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Donor Spotlight — Citywide Banks

At CCA Foundation's Inaugural Scholarship Luncheon, Jeff Schmitz, Executive Vice President of Citywide Banks spoke of the value of education. We recently caught up with Jeff again and asked him about Citywide Banks' commitment to scholarships at CCA.

According to Jeff, since 1963, Citywide Banks has been helping the Denver metro area flourish -- working side-by-side with local businesses so they can realize their goals and contribute to the prosperity of their communities. Because education plays such an important role in preparing future business owners and decision-makers to succeed, Citywide is also committed to supporting deserving individuals in their efforts to gain knowledge through formal education. Citywide Banks' Chairman, Vince Schmitz, has



Jeff Schmitz

great respect for individuals who work hard to further themselves. As one of eleven children raised by a single mother after his father's death, Vince worked very hard to put himself through college.

Citywide Banks first opened its doors in Aurora in 1963 as Aurora National Bank. Jeff says, "Aurora has always been a big part of Citywide's success and they want to see the programs targeting the residents in this area succeed as well. In addition to offering excellent education programs, Community College of Aurora also exhibits a powerful desire to help their students succeed. It's that support which makes all the difference for some students."

Citywide Banks is proud to be a longtime supporter of community development efforts and organizations in Aurora and throughout the Denver Metro area. Jeff says, "We promote activities that foster growth in education in order to enhance the standard of living for all community members. Our objective is to invest in a way that enables us to continue to be a profitable, long-term contributor to the communities in which we live and work."

In addition to Citywide's efforts with scholarships, Jeff also spoke at the Inaugural Scholarship Luncheon. He says, "I was proud to participate in the inaugural Scholarship Luncheon as a scholarship sponsor and presenter. The Schmitz family and all of us at Citywide are pleased to be associated with CCA and the many individuals who work to provide education to individuals who might otherwise not have the opportunity."

CCA Foundation Giving News

- The Helen K. and Arthur E. Johnson Foundation awarded CCAF \$55,000 to be used for student scholarships for the Fall 07 and Spring 08 Semesters.
- The Kingdom Enlightenment Scholarship Foundation awarded CCAF \$12,500 to be used for student scholarships for the Fall 07 and Spring 08 Semesters.
- The Western Union Foundation recently awarded Community College of Aurora Foundation \$10,000 to be used toward expanding CCA's Community English as a Second Language Program.
- CCA Foundation received \$10,000 from Wagner Equipment for the Diesel Tech Program.

Student Spotlight — Justin Lewis

Justin Lewis is the first recipient of the Chair's Choice Scholarship at Community College of Aurora. Justin was selected from a number of Cherry Creek and Aurora Public Schools students as the winner of the \$10,000 scholarship. Funds for this scholarship are raised through the annual CCA Foundation Scholarship Recognition Luncheon



Justin Lewis

and the recipient is awarded up to \$2,500 a semester for tuition, fees and books, as well as a lap top computer.

A recent graduate of Gateway High School, Justin says he has dreamed of becoming a cinematographer since he was a little boy. Both the scholarship and his desire to be involved in film and television brought Justin to CCA.

With two siblings in college Justin was unsure if he would be able to pursue his dream of attending film school. The Chair's Choice scholarship serves as a source of motivation for Justin. He says it will push him to keep his GPA up so he can maintain the scholarship. "Receiving the scholarship has already motivated me to do my best because it has shown me that it pays off."

Justin's drive for success is inspirational. "Not going to college has never been an option for me. I was always determined to make it somehow." He says about his future, "I refuse to fail."

Upcoming Events

- November 1- Coors Brewing Company English as a Second Language Learning Studio Ribbon Cutting Ceremony- Lowry Campus
- April 24- Third Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon- Marriott, DTC



Meet the CCA Foundation Board



Tom Ashburn
Mgr./ Community Services
Xcel Energy

Number of terms you have served on the board: 3 terms

Career: 38 years in gas and electric utility industry Xcel Energy

Family: Wife, retired school teacher, 2 grown kids Scott (28), Amy (26)

Education: BSBA Regis College, MBA Regis University

Other Organizations: Numerous community activities

Why I serve on the CCA Foundation Board: To help a great institution in a great city, to give back to the community.



Jasmin Espy
Owner
Summit Staffing

Number of terms you have served on the board: First term

Career: Owner & President of Summit Staffing

Family: 2 Daughters Casey (18) & Britt (17)

Education: BA Michigan State University

Other Organizations: Member of the Colorado Human Resource Association, American Staffing Association, Rocky Mountain Minority Council, Council of Minority Transportation Officials

Why I serve on the CCA Foundation Board: To assist the College and the Aurora community in aligning resources that support educational initiatives so that the community is supported by a strong recurring economic base of educated employees.



Doug Evans
Agent
State Farm Insurance

Number of terms you have served on the board: 3 terms

Career: State Farm Insurance Agency 32 years

Family: Wife Jan (married 41 yrs), Twin sons Brad & Brian & three grandchildren

Education: BA University of Northern Colorado

Other Organizations: Denver Salvation Army Board (6 yrs), Aurora Salvation Army Board Chair, Aurora Chamber, Aurora Rotary Club

Why I serve on the CCA Foundation Board: To give back to the community and to help educate more students who might not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college and have a more productive impact on society.

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Announcing the Community College of Aurora Foundation Giving Society

As CCAF continues to grow and evolve as an organization, it is important for us to create the ability for alumni and friends to participate in supporting the College through a program similar to those found at many universities throughout the country. The Community College of Aurora Foundation is pleased to introduce the Community College of Aurora Foundation Giving Society.

The various levels of giving in the CCA Foundation Giving Society provide the ability for contribution at levels that are comfortable for each individual donor. Pooled together, these resources are a powerful means to provide financial support for the future of the College by funding student scholarships, programs, and facility and technology needs.

Individuals can become members based on their outright or deferred gifts to the Foundation. Cumulative giving levels are calculated based on gifts received through the fiscal year ending December 31 and totals include employer matching gifts.

Following is a list of the CCA Foundation Giving Society levels and associated benefits:

First Light Society (\$150-\$999)

Our city is named for the Greek goddess of the dawn, as our location east of the Rocky Mountains makes us the "First Light of the Rockies." Your gift at this level can light a student's first step toward reaching their education and career goals.

Benefits:

- Inclusion in Annual Honor Roll of Donors
- Memento

Gateway Society (\$1,000 - \$9,999)

Just as Aurora is "the Gateway to the Rockies," your tax deductible donation at this level can be the gateway to higher education for a deserving student.

Benefits:

- Inclusion in Annual Honor Roll of Donors
- VIP Seating at CCA Graduation Ceremonies
- Memento

Fletcher Society (\$10,000 - \$49,999)

Acknowledging our city's original name and the name of her founder, those donating at the Fletcher Society level are helping to keep the Community College of Aurora a foundation of our community.

Benefits:

- Inclusion in Annual Honor Roll of Donors

- VIP Seating at CCA Graduation Ceremonies
- 2 Complimentary Tickets to any CCA Theater Program Production
- Invitation to Annual Donor Thank-You Event
- Memento

President's Society (\$50,000 - \$99,999)

Donating at the President's Society level ensures that CCA is able to maintain a margin of excellence in its programs and initiatives.

Benefits:

- Inclusion in Annual Honor Roll of Donors
- VIP Seating at CCA Graduation Ceremonies
- 2 Complimentary Tickets to any CCA Theater Program Production
- Invitation to Annual Donor Thank-You Event
- Recognition at Annual Scholarship Luncheon
- Memento

1983 Society (+\$100,000)

Named after the year in which the Community College of Aurora was established, those giving at this level recognize the importance of CCA to the community and are committed to ensuring its long term growth and viability.

Benefits:

- Inclusion in Annual Honor Roll of Donors
- VIP Seating at CCA Graduation Ceremonies
- 2 Complimentary Tickets to any CCA Theater Program Production
- Invitation to Annual Donor Thank-You Event
- Recognition at Annual Scholarship Luncheon
- Annual Private Luncheon with CCA President
- Memento

Legacy Society (estate gifts)

Legacy Society members assist in shaping the future of CCA. Your Legacy gift provides the means for a high quality college education for future generations.

Benefits:

- All perks associated with membership in different societies
- Legacy Society lapel pin

If you would like to learn more about the CCA Foundation Giving Society please contact Diana Whye at 303-360-4833. To give online please visit our website at https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/CommunityCollegeofAurora_1/OnlineDonation.html.