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CCA FOUNDATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## 2008 CCA Foundation 3rd Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon Presented by Brakes Plus

The Community College of Aurora Foundation Scholarship Recognition Luncheon was held April 24 at the Marriot DTC. Frances Owens, former First Lady of Colorado, was



Justin Lewis & Bob Kendrick

honorary chair of this year's event, which recognized CCA Foundation scholarship donors and student recipients. Owens discussed the importance of community colleges and their effect on the community. Bob Kendrick, 9NEWS, served as Master of Ceremonies. Speakers at the Luncheon included: John Hill, CEO of The Medical Center of Aurora and CCA Board Member; Pat Hogan, scholarship donor; Jeff Potter, CEO of Exclusive Resorts and CCA Honorary Board Member; Barbara O'Brien, Colorado's 47<sup>th</sup> Lieutenant Governor; Eric-Lee Groves, Freda Roof Memorial Scholarship Recipient; Justin Lewis, Chair's Choice Scholarship Recipient; and Lauren Johnson (via video), United Way Workplace Educational Scholarship Assistance Recipient.

Hill, a CCA Board member, shared the powerful impact CCA has had on many successful professionals at The Medical Center of Aurora. Potter also presented and shared the amazing stories of four outstanding Student Success Awards Recipients. Lieutenant Governor O'Brien discussed the value of community college education in the state of Colorado. Groves reflected on his first year at CCA and how CCA increased his success as a disabled student. Lewis shared remarks on his successful transition to CCA as the Chair's Choice recipient. Johnson, a CCA alumnus, discussed the impact CCA and the United Way Workplace Educational Scholarship has had on her success at University of Colorado Health Science Center School of Pharmacology.

This year's Scholarship Luncheon raised more than \$110,000, which will support the Chair's Choice Award, the CCA Foundation Scholarship, and three new scholarship programs. The new programs include: The First Generation Scholarship, Pace Setter Plus Scholarship, and The International Scholarship. These scholarships were created to better serve the current CCA student population.

The three scholarship programs are designed to offer academic and financial resources as incentives for students to finish college.



Larry Pisciotta & Linh Dang

More than 400 people attended the Luncheon, including scholarship recipients and their families, Aurora business and community leaders, representatives from Aurora Public Schools and Cherry Creek Schools, and CCA faculty and staff. The annual Luncheon is the Foundation's largest fundraising event for CCA student scholarships.

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### "Your Name Here" Observatory at CCA



The Community College of Aurora Foundation is now accepting bids from the public to name the newest addition to the college's Science Department. The observatory was purchased by the Foundation in 2007 making CCA the only public institution in the City of Aurora with its own observatory.

#### Observatory Details

Primary telescope - 14-inch Celestron Schmidt Cassegrain reflector  
 Computer-controlled Paramount GT-1100 German equatorial mount  
 Main imaging camera - Apogee Alta U6 CCD  
 1024x1024 with 24-micron pixels  
 Effective field of view of approximately 21'x21'  
 Dome maximum capacity - 10-12

#### Observatory Uses

The telescope will be used for a number of purposes, including:

Educational  
 Community Building

#### Bid Process

Beginning Date: 12:01 a.m. September 12, 2008

End Date: 12:00 p.m. on December 31, 2008

Minimum Bid: \$25,000, payable over five years

Email submission at [www.ccaurora.edu/obsname](http://www.ccaurora.edu/obsname)

USPS submission at:

Community College of Aurora Foundation  
 16000 E. CentreTech Parkway, Suite A200  
 Aurora, Co 80011  
 Attn: Executive Director

### Donor Spotlight — Pat & Shauna Hogan

Scholarship support can mean the difference between a student's ability able to achieve access to higher education and subsequent economic independence or not. Fortunately, Pat and Shauna Hogan realize the importance of supporting student scholarships at Community College of Aurora and recently decided to act upon that realization.



Pat & Shauna Hogan

In April, Pat and Shauna established the Freedom Scholarship at CCA, a full-ride, two-year scholarship to an exceptional student at CCA who is looking for a chance to use the funding to better their lives and that of their families.

While Pat and Shauna have worked hard to achieve a strong measure of personal and financial success in their lives, neither of them have forgotten their humble beginnings and wanted to establish a scholarship that would provide others with a chance to take their education seriously and to stretch themselves to achieve their educational goals. Additionally, the Hogans wanted to demonstrate to their 15-year-old son, Kiel, the importance of giving something back after being so abundantly blessed.

It was Shauna who first developed an affinity for CCA and its mission when she worked as a volunteer assisting with the Foundation's annual scholarship recognition luncheon. Shauna, who never obtained her college degree, saw herself in so many of the community college students who walked through the doors of CCA. "It just makes me feel good to be able to give someone something I never had - the chance and the confidence that someone believes in you to accomplish your dreams" she says. Shauna's passion for the work of community college quickly spilled over onto her husband, Pat, who didn't need a lot of convincing.

The Hogans chose CCA to be the beneficiary of their generosity because "we wanted to be part of the good things and crackling energy that pervades CCA. When you think about it, there's nothing but positive things happening here. . . It's a portal to better lives for students with varying backgrounds and goals. It is a pathway of hope and an avenue to achieving dreams. . . Its precious result is a well-educated graduate more than prepared for a four-year college or university or a student ready to enter the workforce with the latest in skills and knowledge. Why wouldn't you want to be part of a great scenario like that?!"

The first recipient of the Freedom Scholarship at CCA was recently selected from a pool of 20 highly qualified candidates to attend CCA in the fall.

### **Upcoming Events**

- September 12-Dancing with the CCA Stars
- September 19-CCAF Strategic Planning Summit
- May 1, 2009-4<sup>th</sup> Annual CCAF Scholarship Recognition Luncheon –Hyatt DTC  
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### Meet the CCA Foundation Board



**Anne Delle Donne**

Director of Finance and Accounting

Adventos, LLC.

**Number of Terms Served on Board:** 1<sup>st</sup> Term

**Career:** I spent the last 10 years of my career in personal financial planning assisting businesses and families achieve financial and lifestyle goals. Currently, I am with a technology consulting firm, Adventos, LLC, managing their accounting and financial strategy needs.

**Family:** I grew up in Colorado (since the age of three), and I am the oldest of three children. I met my husband, Mariano Delle Donne, in college.

**Education:** I was blessed to receive a full scholarship as a basketball player to the University of Denver where I obtained my undergraduate degree in business with an emphasis in finance. Recognizing the importance of lifelong learning, I went back to school part-time and graduated this June with a Master's degree in Taxation at the University of Denver. In the financial planning community, I was also active in obtaining the Certified Financial Planner™ certification, as well as the Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA®) certificate.

**Other Organizations:** Financial Planning Association, Investment Management Consultant Association, Community College of Aurora Foundation

**Why I serve on the Foundation Board:** I enjoy being a part of an organization that genuinely endeavors to help people who are interested in learning and just need an avenue to pursue their dreams.

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## CCA Foundation Launches Three New Scholarship Programs



First Generation Cohort

In the fall of 2008, CCA Foundation and Enrollment Services teamed up to start three new scholarship programs: the First Generation Scholarship, designed to attract and encourage first generation students to attend and finish college; the International Scholarship, which will provide financial and academic support for international students; and the Pace Setter Plus Scholarship, designed to attract and encourage Aurora Public Schools Dual Enrollment students to continue their education at CCA.

First Generation scholar Alexandra Valenzuela is a 2008 graduate of Eaglecrest High School. Alexandra's main goal in high school was to go to college and set a positive example for her sister. Additionally, in her CCAF scholarship essay, Alexandra aptly states, "My family prayed that we would receive help financially in any way possible. I received a phone call on August 19; Mr. Jacobson informed me I was awarded the scholarship! My mom will now be able to save money for my younger sister Jazzlynn to attend college."

Forty **new** students will receive scholarship assistance in the 2008-2009 academic year! These students, many of whom are the first in their families to attend college, will have opportunities that would have eluded them before.

CCA has hired a full-time professional academic advisor to coordinate and monitor the progress of all 40 students. The scholarship program will offer each student extensive one-on-one interaction with support staff at CCA. In addition, students will have monthly meetings with the academic advisor to ensure understanding and connection to additional resources on campus.

The funds raised at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scholarship Luncheon from approximately 120 donors will support the three new scholarship programs for the next two years. Moreover, all three programs have a four-year goal to support a total of 150 students.



Sean Slagle, Executive Officer for SGA

## Student Life & CCA Foundation Team Up to Feed Students

Community College of Aurora Food Bank was created and developed by Sean Slagle, executive officer for Student Government, and Angie Tiedeman, Student Life Director at CCA. The program was launched in the middle of the spring semester in 2008. The goal of the Food Bank at CCA is to provide food for all students regardless of financial need.

CCA's food bank program is funded by the CCA Foundation and through student fees. The program has already received donations from the Food Bank of the Rockies and welcomes all community donations. In an article published in the March 26 edition of the Aurora Sentinel, Tiedeman said a lot of CCA's students have situations through the year that require some assistance. Tiedeman said students need support in all areas of education, whether it is social, instruction, entertainment, or providing them with food.

Community College of Aurora joins Community College of Denver and Red Rocks Community College in their efforts and support to feed students through Food Bank programs.

### CCA's Emergency Medical Services Program Receives Gift of Two Ambulances

Donated by :

- Peak Motor Coach, Ltd., of Denver
- Stadium Medical of Arvada