

CCA Tour: CentreTech Campus

APRIL: Welcome to the Community College of Aurora. My name is April, and I'm a second-year student here at the college.

JAMES: And I'm James, and I'm also a second-year student here at the college.

APRIL: Well, did you know that CCA has two campuses to better serve its students. CentreTech, where we are now, has many of the core courses that transfer to four-year colleges.

JAMES: Nice. Let's take a look at what CentreTech has to offer, beginning with the Administration Building, which is the first part of those wishing to consider the college for their educational goals.

APRIL: All right then. Let's go check it out.

JAMES: All right.

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APRIL: So, the first floor of the Administration Building is the nerve center of the campus.

JAMES: Okay.

APRIL: Here students can get advice on

coursework, financial aid assistance, fill out an application, and then register for their classes.

JAMES: Well, luckily there's someone in there to help you out. The College Greeter has a lot of information and can send you anywhere you need to go, depending on your information.

APRIL: Wow, she sounds awesome.

JAMES: She is.

APRIL: Let's go say hi.

JAMES: All right.

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GREETER: Did you know that everything you need, come here.

STUDENT: Okay.

APRIL: So the two most important offices for those just starting out are across the hall from one another.

JAMES: Nice.

Enrollment Services work on a walk-in basis and can help students find their plan for classrooms and for their future degrees.

Class registration can be completed through an advisor or in one of the many kiosks located in front of the building. But first you should remember to file a free application for Federal Student Aid, which is FASFA, online.

APRIL: Great.

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APRIL: Make sure and visit Financial Aid to see what options are available to help pay for college. A computer terminal in the front of the office can put you in a queue to meet with a counselor.

Active military and veterans can walk down the hall from Financial Aid to discover whether they and their dependents are eligible for any potential service benefits.

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JAMES: Hey, how you doing.

CCA has made paying for college easy, with multiple paying options, financial-aid based, a payment in half, or a payment in full. The Cashier's Office is located on the second floor of the Administration Building, and they can help you with all your questions, needs, and problems, financial-aid based.

APRIL: And once you're registered, it's off to the other CentreTech buildings. First stop, Student Centre.

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APRIL: Okay. So, the Student Centre is a gathering place for?

JAMES: Students.

APRIL: Correct. Whether you're seeking information on class assignments, a calendar of upcoming events, a quiet place to study, some food at the *CCA Grill*, meeting with one of the student success counselors as part of the scholarship experience, or simply enjoying one of the many *CCA* on-campus clubs, this is definitely the place to be.

JAMES: Well, let's go check it out.

APRIL: I agree.

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JAMES: The Rotunda is the main place of activity, holding a variety of cultural, educational, and transfer events throughout the year. Poetry, dancing, international festivals, the course fairs and learning games are all in this room. And they also have student-led government and student-led clubs and other activities.

APRIL: The Student Success Center provides targeted academic and personal support for students, serving programs in first generation and lower income students. It also has classes in student success and transfer programming right in this room.

JAMES: In this room?

APRIL: In this room.

JAMES: Okay.

The Bookstore is another downstairs anchor. This is where you can get your college gear or your student materials or the assignments here that you need for class. All text books are sold here. You can buy them, rent them, digitally get them, and they even buy your books back after they're used.

APRIL: What?

JAMES: Yeah.

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APRIL: This is the CentreTech Grill where "food for thought" actually exists. They offer a range of food such as burgers, pizza, wraps, prepackaged food items and breakfast items all at a reasonable price. It's making me hungry.

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JAMES: The second floor of the building features the Learning Resource Center, which takes a three-tier approach.

APRIL: The CCA library not only has books, but it also has an expansive number of databases and online materials --

JAMES: Nice!

APRIL: -- to help students with their research projects.

Knowledgeable staff are happy to find you the right

tools for each project.

JAMES: Man, I just love the library.

APRIL: Me too. Let's go in.

JAMES: Okay. Check out some books ...

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JAMES: Accessibility Services makes accommodations for those who are disabled, injured, or any others who can't use conventional classroom materials. Students who need this help, all they have to do is initiate the process, and Accessibility Services will make arrangements the best they can.

APRIL: And, finally, the Learning Resource Center has a homework area, testing center, and computer access center featuring assistive technology.

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JAMES: The Online Learning Technology Department provides a drop-in service for students wishing to learn Desire 2 Learn, which is D2L, the college's management system. In Desire 2 Learn, you can view your grades, check your attendance, take quizzes, even e-mail your teacher.

APRIL: Yeah, it's important for every student to access this important information.

That's online. Why don't we go to the Classroom Building where the physical classes take place.

JAMES: Okay.

APRIL: Okay.

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JAMES: This is the Classroom Building, the area at CentreTech where most of the courses outside the career technical arena take place. Department staff offers subjects such as math, English, academic enrichment --

APRIL: -- English as a second language, world languages --

JAMES: -- and others are housed here.

APRIL: Great.

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APRIL: Department staff offices are located in the middle section of each of the building's three floors. This ties in with CCA's philosophy of keeping students and faculty connected on a personal level.

JAMES: The Academic Support Lab is open for walk-in tutoring as well, another way CCA supports its students, whether you're from a high school background, an adult returning to college, or a military member who wants to expand on his or her

skill set.

APRIL: That is awesome.

Well, did you know that the Classroom Building also hosts an array of colleges that provide materials and answers questions on transfer opportunities, following the two-year college experience that CCA provides.

JAMES: Now we're off to the Fine Arts Building to check out the other Centretech classes.

APRIL: All right!

JAMES: Okay.

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APRIL: The Fine Arts Building is predominantly performing-arts based. There are two rooms that comprise the building, the Forum and the Larry D. Carter Theater.

JAMES: I'm going to go check out the Forum.

APRIL: Well, I'm going to go check out the Theater.

JAMES: The Forum is used for lectures, speakers, and high school college days, but ordinarily this isn't the classroom setting. Typically CCA maxes out its classrooms at 23 to 25 students.

Let's go see what April is up to.

APRIL: Welcome to the Larry D. Carter Theater.

It's named after a former college president. It typically takes traditional theater and puts a more modern spin on it, like *Romeo and Juliet* in sign language, or *Glimpses*, which adds a raw and compelling view of the Aurora community.

JAMES: Any student who wants to be involved in Arts and Humanities is urged to participate. Practice rooms including guitar, piano, dance, voice, and music appreciation are also in the Fine Arts Building.

APRIL: Perhaps dreaming about being a star one day can be enhanced by the stars themselves, as an observatory lies just steps from the Fine Arts Building.

JAMES: That concludes the CentreTech campus tour. Please take a look at the Lowery campus tour.

APRIL: Thank you for watching.

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