

CCA Tour: Lowery Campus

ABELLA: Welcome to the Community College of Aurora. My name's Abella. I'm a second-year student here in the Acting For the Screen program.

MARTELL: My name is Martell, and I'm a second-year student in the Theater program.

Today we're going to take a closer look at CCA's Lowery campus, which is located about 5 miles away from CentreTech. Lowery houses numerous career technical options for students at CCA.

ABELLA: Some of those options include Mathematics, Science, Health Science and Business.

MARTELL: Oh, and don't forget about Art and Design, Film and Video, and Computer Science.

ABELLA: And, of course, Emergency Medical Services, Paralegal, Fire Science, and the Police Academy.

MARTELL: Right now we're standing in the quad, which is the main focal point for CCA at Lowery. The campus is currently being redesigned as part of a 5-year fundraising campaign called *Transforming Lowery, Transforming Lives*.

ABELLA: As you can see here, on the campus's main instance, phase one of that redevelopment program has already been completed. Let's check it out.

Thank you.

MARTELL: You're welcome.

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ABELLA: For students interested in enrollment, the Lowery Student Services is the first stop. There academic advisors can provide counseling, tours can be scheduled, and appointments can be set with financial aid counselors.

MARTELL: Oh, yeah, that reminds me, I need to make an appointment.

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ABELLA: Here we are in the Lowery Café. It's open for both breakfast and lunch and offers both hot and cold dining options.

MARTELL: That's good because I'm starving.

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MARTELL: Only a few steps away from the café is the Student Life office where information is available on the numerous intramural sports that are offered here.

ABELLA: We offer intramural sports here?

MARTELL: Yeah, of course, yeah, yeah. Also leadership organizations like Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Beta Lambda. Anyone interested in starting his or her own organization can apply to do so through Student Life.

A computer lab completes the lower level of the West Quad. Students can take online classes there or maximize study time in between classes.

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ABELLA: The School of Business, Science Department, and Computer Science classrooms are all located on the second level of the West Quad. There's also a science resource center that houses additional textbooks, microscopes, and group study rooms.

MARTELL: Instructor's offices are close by and can be found on class syllabi with office hours available by appointment. Which reminds me --

ABELLA: You need an appointment.

MARTELL: Yeah, I do.

ABELLA: Yeah.

Let's head over to the North Quad for a mixture of Language, Art, and working culture.

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ABELLA: Right now we're standing outside of the North Quad.

MARTELL: Why don't we go check it out.

ABELLA: Yeah.

The Aurora Language Center is located on the first floor of the North Quad and is the first stop for adults needing English instruction. Whether the goal is to learn basic communication skills for day-to-day life in the United States, prepare for the citizenship exam, or eventually move into college classes and earn a degree, it's all possible by taking the first steps through these doors.

MARTELL: The Dana Moravec Gallery serves as a nerve center for the Art and Design area. Student and faculty shows fill the walls

most of the year, along with exhibitions by local, national, and regional artists.

APRIL: A pottery and jewelry making studio with open lab hours are also available to artists at CCA.

MARTELL: CCA is proud to feature the work of its students and faculty, but it also partners with community galleries so that artists have a chance to display their work elsewhere.

ABELLA: Twice a year student exhibitions also fill the second floor hallways. Here you'll find the Art and New Media Design department.

MARTELL: Here's the Center for Workforce Development. Its purpose is to assist individuals in need and low income families by helping them overcome employment obstacles and preparing them for jobs through career counseling, short-term training, and support services.

ABELLA: Now that we've seen the North Quad, let's head outside to the Center for Simulation.

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ABELLA: Students can experience real-life learning in high-tech environments here at the Center for Simulation. The Police Academy, Emergency Medical Services, and Fire Science programs all take place here.

MARTELL: CCA has the training, equipment, and experienced instructors, many of whom still work in the professional environment, to help begin and advance in those careers.

ABELLA: Students not only get to interface with these working

pros in their own educational disciplines, but they may even use a virtual war room called the Disaster Management Institute. It's equipped with computers, communication equipment, and numerous high-tech monitors that have the capability to track a natural or man-made disaster in real time.

MARTELL: Indoor scenes housed inside the building mirror environments that might be found on the field and help further enhance realism for such disciplines as EMS, Police Academy, and Fire Sciences.

ABELLA: A bar, hospital, living room, and outdoor café are among the rooms used in the simulation exercises. Sometimes cutting edge mannequins are also employed in these scenarios. These tetherless dummies can imitate multiple medical conditions, allowing for mistakes to be made at no one's expense.

MARTELL: Biotechnology and Chemistry students will also find themselves at the Center for Simulation. The college's labs reside on these premises.

ABELLA: A different type of chemistry is vital right down the street, but meshes script, actors, directors, and producers. Let's go check out the Colorado Film School.

MARTELL: Sounds like a great idea. Let's go.

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ABELLA: The film school has an impeccable reputation. *Hollywood Reporter* named CFS in the top 25 film schools in the world. It was also one of the first institutions to use a red digital camera, which

is an industry staple.

MARTELL: Did you know that James Cameron donated a light from the set of Titanic?

ABELLA: Oh, really.

MARTELL: Mm-hmm. The light has since then been fully restored to a working piece of equipment.

ABELLA: That's cool.

The course work not only focuses on film making, but the film industry. Students will be prepared for the creative side of making films as well as the business ramifications

MARTELL: Working with virtual budgets gives students real world practice at handling the financial challenge of film making.

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MARTELL: Well, that just about covers Lowery.

ABELLA: Come down to the compass or check online to learn more about curriculum, degrees, and finances at CCA.

MARTELL: And thanks for watching, and we hope you enjoy your experience here at Community College of Aurora.

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