Oudenhoven named Vice President for Student Services

Dr. Linda Bowman has announced that Dr. Elizabeth (Betsy) Oudenhoven will join the college Aug. 1 as Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management.

Oudenhoven comes to CCA from Joliet Junior College in Joliet, Illinois, where she was Vice President of Student Development. She has also served as Dean of Counseling and Retention, Director of Counseling, Assistant Director of Academic Advising, Student Services Manager, and Assistant Director of Residence Life and Housing at colleges and universities in the east and midwest. Oudenhoven’s husband is also a community college educator.

Oudenhoven holds a Ph.D. in higher education from Loyola University Chicago, where her research focused on “Generation 1.5” Latino Students and English language learning in the community college setting. She holds a master’s degree in counseling and guidance from the University of Colorado Boulder and a bachelor of science degree in psychology from St. Lawrence University.

“Betsy is eager to be here and learn more about CCA and our special community,” Bowman said. “She is eager to work with faculty and staff as we help students achieve their goals.”

In a message to the campus community, Bowman thanked the screening committee, Debbie Irvine, and the Human Resources department “who all worked long and hard to ensure the best results for our search and ultimately for our students.”

Beloved professor Todd Bergren passes

The CCA family mourns the loss of professor Todd Bergren, who died on May 17 following a lengthy illness. Dr. Bergren was 48 years old.

“For all of us, Todd was an inspiration as a teacher, as a friend, as a colleague, as a father and husband, and as a member of our family,” said CCA President Linda Bowman. “We will miss him terribly, but we take comfort in knowing that his work and his life have brought hope and success to so many students and their families. Through all of his efforts, our world is a better place.”

Bergren’s life was celebrated in a memorial service at CCA on May 20. His many accomplishments were remembered, and gatherers reflected that “Todd was many things to innumerable people – a voracious reader, research scientist, musician, carpenter, inventor, fixer of all things, world traveler, rock climber, extraordinary...continued on page 2
Korean educators learn from CCA’s ESL program

As a part of their country’s effort to reshape English language instruction, three Korean educators recently visited CCA to observe components of the Community ESL program. The educators were hosted by the Institute for International Education, under the auspices of the International Visit Leadership Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

The educators were accompanied by Leo R. Wollemborg, representing the Department of State. Dr. Jin Wan Kim, president, Korea Association of Teachers of English, joined Jin-Hyung Kim, professor, Korea University of Technology and Education, and Dr. WonKey Lee, professor of English Education, Seoul National University of Education, on the visit. An overview of CCA’s program was provided and the visitors sat in on classes alongside ESL students.

Christopher Tombari, chair of the Aurora Language Center, and Stephanie Lawton, Community ESL program coordinator, served as hosts and were joined by Diana Brady-Herndon, assistant coordinator for the ESL program, and Ted Snow, dean of liberal arts. The educators visited classes taught by Jayni Breaux, John Eichenour, and Lora Wright.

The visitors were intrigued by the diversity of CCA students and noted the range of ages and ethnicities, as well as the refugee status of many of the students. They also took interest in the prevalence of technology in the classroom, as well as in the students’ openness and familiarity with teachers.

They also shared their surprise that “real life” subject matter is employed in the classroom. In one observation, a CCA instructor engaged students about recognizing emergency situations and when to call 911. Noting the interactive nature of the teaching, Dr. Jin-Hyung Kim joked that she feels “sorry now for my students” because she teaches “at them.”

Cultural differences were also discussed. The Korean educators said that their teachers are more formally dressed, and they noticed that students here feel free to address teachers on a first-name basis. The visitors admitted it would “feel strange” to be addressed that way and that they would not necessarily be comfortable with it.

The conversation evolved into an evaluation of overall teaching strategies. Eichenour’s method of following up on the spot with students garnered attention and explanation. When asked why he walked around the classroom to talk with students one on one, he responded: “I want to see that they are able to comprehend the exercise we are working on; that’s my constant assessment.” Dr. Jin Wan Kim summarized: “This means you move from mechanical use to more meaningful use,” to which Tombari added: “We teach not only how to say and use the language, but when to use it,” he explained. “It’s the teacher’s job to make the language real!”

Lawton emphasized that students in non-homogeneous groups learn well from each other. “Coming from different backgrounds, our students face similar challenges,” she said. “English is the only language they have in common, and everyone understands at least a little bit. There can be a dozen or so different languages and accents in one class, and this is a real benefit to learning.”

Dr. WonKey Lee asked one pupil what he thought of his instructors, and shared the results with his hosts. “Your student told me you are very kind people,” he said. “We are very pleased to have this chance to observe and talk with your students.”

For more, visit http://www.ccaurora.edu/news-events/news-releases/korean-educators-visit-CCA.

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conversationalist, best friend, father and husband, best ever brother, son, son-in-law, and more.”

Bergren is survived by his wife, Michelle; daughter, Dana; son, Benjamin; parents Helen and Robert Bergren of Hudson, S.D., and brothers Scott Bergren of Longmont, Colo.; Guy Bergren of Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Lee Bergren of Waco, TX.

For more on Dr. Bergren’s life, see http://www.denverpost.com/obituaries/ci_18112794. Heartfelt notes from friends were posted to The Denver Post Legacy site: “Todd was simply one of the greatest people I have ever known. Caring, immensely talented, a great friend and a man of limitless interests.” Also, “He was such a warm, wonderful person. He touched many people and his teaching was also very meaningful to many people.” Also, “I learned so much from him and hope to find work in a research lab doing my best, so my work will be a tribute to Todd.” And: “I wouldn’t be who I am today without Todd’s constant guidance, help, and confidence. I will miss him immeasurably, indefinitely. I am so thankful to have been able to call him my friend. CCA will never be the same without him, and neither will any of us whose lives he touched.”

Donations in Bergren’s memory may be made to the CCA Foundation for the Dr. Todd Bergren Science Scholarship fund at CCA.
CCA expands partnership with Original Aurora Collaborative

Some of Aurora’s newest residents are now among those most prepared to help their neighbors in an emergency.

A group of 19 individuals tested their new skills at CCA’s Center for Simulation in a mock drill, and for nearly two hours they worked to save the lives of people trapped and injured in the aftermath of a tornado—all part of a realistic, but simulated, disaster. Student volunteers from Aurora Public Schools played the part of victims.

The exercise was the culmination of six Saturdays of training by Spanish-speaking community members, made possible by a partnership between CCA and the Original Aurora Community Integration Collaborative (OACIC). The group took part in a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, a Federal Emergency Management Agency training that prepares participants to provide assistance when professional responders may not be available.

“It’s been amazing to be a part of this training with CCA, OACIC, the Aurora Fire Department, and the Aurora Police Department,” said Jenny Pool Radway, OACIC program coordinator. “The residents have come to Aurora from Latin American countries and are not necessarily familiar with our customs. Thanks to this program, they are now more involved than ever in their new community.”

OACIC’s mission is to help both immigrant and long-term residents better understand one another and form a more connected community in Original Aurora, roughly defined as an area bordered by Stapleton, Lowry, and Fitzsimons, with E. Colfax Avenue at its heart.

Geoff Hunt interviewed for National Geographic show

The National Geographic Channel will add a new show to its lineup next year, and CCA Chair of Social Sciences Geoff Hunt is among the first to be interviewed for “History Cold Case.” Based on a popular BBC television show of the same name, the series will follow forensic anthropologists and scientists to uncover the secrets of mysterious skeletons located during archaeological digs or discovered in the dusty archives of a museum, according to Glenn Swift, a show producer.

National Geographic dispatched a British film crew to track down the details of a Denver-area mystery, and Hunt was interviewed and filmed June 2 in Denver’s Riverside Cemetery. The situation: In 2010, a Civil War veteran was exhumed from Cheesman Park. Before becoming a city park in 1907, Cheesman was the Denver City, or Prospect Hill, Cemetery. All veterans buried there were to have been moved to Riverside Cemetery in the late 1800s, but, according to Hunt, they “seem to have missed one.” Hunt confirms that the veteran should have been reburied in Riverside between 1886 and 1890.

Hunt was referred to National Geographic by James Jeffrey of the Denver Public Library’s Western History Center. Jeffrey knew that Hunt—who is a military historian, in addition to his position at CCA—was knowledgeable about the Grand Army of the Republic (Union Veterans of the Civil War), as well as the GAR plot at Riverside Cemetery.

According to producer Swift, the show “will use cutting edge science—isotope analysis, Carbon 14 dating, DNA profiling—and good old-fashioned techniques,” including skeletal analysis and historical investigation—to tell the story of the life and times of these forgotten heroes of the American story.”

Stay tuned for further information about the upcoming episode and learn Hunt’s take on what might have happened in the Denver City Cemetery.
Xcel supports expanding STEM efforts at CCA

The CCA Foundation has received a $15,000 grant from the Xcel Energy Foundation for CCA to continue its outreach to underserved students. The grant, a continuation of Xcel Foundation’s past support, allows the college to prepare students to enter academic programs and careers in science, math, computers, and related fields. The new grant allows for an emphasis on transitioning Community ESL students into for-credit college courses.

Pictured here, from left: CCAF Executive Director Diana Whye; CCA Executive Director for Grants and Planning Chris Ward; CCA President Linda Bowman; Xcel Area Manager for Community and Local Government Affairs Tom Henley; CCA student Nene Sumbunu; ESL Instructor Jane Harding; CCAF Board President Brad Pierce.

EMS keeps busy with high school, college students

In a series of offerings designed to enlighten, educate, and challenge, hundreds of high school and college students got an up-close look at CCA’s emergency medical services program on June 7, June 15, and July 12. The students were participants in the statewide Colorado Area Health Education Centers program and are exploring careers in the medical profession. They experienced what it’s like to be a first responder - a professional who responds to an emergency in the wake of an accident or illness.

Students toured the Center for Simulation and learned to splint and bandage, perform CPR on high-tech mannequins, take vital health readings, and act out real-life scenarios while serving in the roles of firefighter, police officer, and emergency medical technician.

CCA is a regular host for AHEC participants. To read an Aurora Sentinel article on this summer’s program, visit http://www.aurorasentinel.com/email_push/news/article_d5851b1a-accc-11e0-a869-001cc4c03286.html.

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Church, and Wells Fargo Bank, provided the support needed to implement Original Aurora Renewal’s Workforce Development Program in 2002. The initiative was established to deliver civics training, basic education, and English language acquisition opportunities to Aurora’s growing Hispanic population.

“CCA takes seriously its commitment to this community,” Ward said. “For many years, we have seen increasing numbers of refugees and immigrants in the community and in our student body. We are committed to working with these groups through OACIC and now, in an exciting way, through this partnership with our EMS program.”

Pool Radway said she sees a change among residents in the neighborhoods served by OACIC. “OACIC has started a Spanish-speaking neighborhood watch, and we work closely with the police department. This group is looking for a way to give back to Aurora. It’s a matter of pride,” she said. “These are important connections among all of us that improve the community. A lot of this work we are doing is sustainable on its own, so it’s a great investment that will pay off.”

To read more, visit http://www.ccaurora.edu/news-events/news-releases/oacic-group-emergency-training.
Summer Artz Fest held

The July 16 Summer Artz Fest, sponsored by the dance department, drew families and friends to CentreTech to enjoy a variety of entertainment. Fest organizer and dance instructor Eulanda Shead introduced the acts, which included DJ Fa'Dorah, CCA Hip-Hop Dance, Afro-Caribe Dance, Lost in Translation break dancers, Saridae, and American Idol Denver contestant Branden Abeyta. Most acts performed on the college green next to the Fine Arts building, but when bad weather approached, festivities were moved to the Rotunda, where attendees enjoyed another full hour of planned and impromptu performances.

CCA bikes to work!

Faculty and staff participated in Bike to Work Day on June 27; the event was considered a success across the Denver/Aurora metro. On the CentreTech Campus, from left to right: Reniece Jones; Steve Marshall; Megan Kinney, Daniel Sandoval, and Natasha Turner. On the Lowry Campus, from left to right: Stephanie Lawton, Veronica Russell, and Diana Brady-Herndon.
Employers, colleges, recruiters a draw at EMS Career Fair

The Emergency Medical Services program held a June 10 Career Fair to demonstrate the various career pathways available to current or future EMS providers.

Numerous employers, colleges, universities, and recruiters offered information for prospective students and first responders. Participants included American Medical Response, Aurora Fire Department, Rural/Metro Ambulance, Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado, Elizabeth Fire Department, Federal Heights Fire Department, Sable Altura Fire Department, and the Medical Center of Aurora.

Fire Academy class graduates

CCA celebrates the graduation of its first Fire Academy class in 10 years. The thirteen students in the program worked closely with CCA instructors and working professionals from the metro area to learn in the classroom and “on scene,” including one live burn situation.

Lowry construction on target

Construction continues at a rapid pace at the Lowry Campus. The changes under way are the first phase in a series of upgrades to be made as part of the Lowry Campus Strategic Development Plan. For more images, visit http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150606357940125.677427.464548740124.
**CCA News Briefs**

**Kudos to...**
Elena Sandoval-Lucero, whose article “Effective supervision of paraeducators: Multiple benefits and outcomes” was published in National Teacher Education Journal, 4(2), 15-26. The article was co-authored with R.V. Chopra and N.K. French. And kudos to Peggy Norwood, who was selected to participate in the annual reading and scoring of the College Board’s Advanced Placement Examinations in June. She traveled to Kansas City, MO, and spent eight days grading nearly 200,000 AP psychology exam essays (free response questions).

**The Lowry Gallery Presents “Photo ID”**
In partnership with Downtown Aurora Visual Arts, CCA’s Lowry Gallery presents the exhibit “Photo ID” through July 28. Come experience a unique display of artwork by Aurora youth who have employed photo-related media to represent their identities. Students have combined photography with sculpture and collage to create self-portraits, which have also been made with paper maché, paint, yarn, and fabric. The exhibit is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Lowry Gallery is located at 9202 E. Severn Place, North Quad Bldg., Denver, CO 80230.

**CCA hosts national ambulance competition**
American Medical Response (AMR) hosted its annual National Competition at CCA on June 13, and a select group of AMR’s top caregivers competed in a safety and clinical skills competition that included a timed driving course to measure competitors’ abilities to operate an ambulance while providing care to a training mannequin simulating a patient in need of emergency medical services. The competition consisted of simulated situations that EMS practitioners encounter on a daily basis. AMR teams competed at CCA’s Center for Simulation and the Disaster Management Institute, which houses some of the most advanced control room technology available. “We were excited to bring some of our best EMS practitioners from around the country to this event,” said Ron Thackery, AMR spokesman.

**CCA “Green” tip of the month**
There are numerous web sites to help you go green, and here’s another: http://www.GreatGreenIdea.com/Green-Living.html. Check out the links on the left for ideas on green parenting, green living, green recipes, even green celebrities! There are also links to numerous articles to get you started.

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**CCA Events**


**CPR, first aid courses.** CCA offers affordable CPR and First Aid courses to members of the community. Courses are open to all levels of learners, from novices to professionals (teachers, coaches, health care practitioners, construction workers, etc.). Classes are on Saturdays, with some exceptions, and tuition ranges from $50-150.

See http://ccaurora.edu/news-events/event-calendar for more events.

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**Aurora Events**

**Banks in Harmony Concert: Buckstein.** 6:30-8 p.m., July 28, Meadowood Park, 3054 S. Laredo St., Aurora CO 80013. Bring a blanket and find a spot on the lawn to enjoy the country rock sound of Buckstein. Admission is free; food is available for sale. In case of inclement weather, call 303-344-1500 after 3 p.m. on the day of the concert for information on cancellations.

See http://www.auroragov.org for more events.