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SEARCH FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF AURORA PRESIDENT OPENS

Denver - The national search for a president for the Community College of Aurora (CCA) has begun, announced Dr. Nancy McCallin, president of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS).

"We are excited to start the search," McCallin said. "The position is being widely advertised in both local and national media sources. This is an excellent college that is known for innovative programs such as concurrent enrollment which allows high school students to work on an associate's degree while still working on getting their diplomas. Under the leadership of Dr. Linda Bowman, the college has thrived and continues to have great growth potential.

"We thank Dr. Bowman for her outstanding leadership and commitment to the college over the past 12 years and for cultivating an environment that encourages innovation which has made the Community College of Aurora so successful. We wish her well with the many endeavors she will be involved with in the future," McCallin said.

As CCA's current president, Dr. Bowman has announced her retirement after being at the college for 12 years. During her time within the system, Dr. Bowman was Vice President of Instruction at Red Rocks Community College and served as interim president at Lamar Community College and interim president at Arapahoe Community College. While president at Community College of Aurora, she also served at the Colorado Community College System as Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs and as Vice President for Executive Leadership and Training Development, offering her academic expertise and extensive knowledge to the system.

The search will begin in January. The search committee is comprised of college representatives and community and system representatives. The committee will review resumes and decide who they would like to initially interview. After the interviews, the search committee will decide which candidates they would like to bring to campus for public forums and to meet with constituency groups at the college. Members of the search committee are:

Name	Title/Role
Rhonda Bentz	Colorado Community College System, Director of Media and Government Relations
Tom Dillon	Faculty Representative
Andy Dorsey	Front Range Community College, President
Patty Erjavec	Pueblo Community College, President
Jasmin T. Espy	CCA Foundation Representative President, Summit Staffing
Debbie Irvine	Classified Employee Representative
Ruthanne Keenan Oriheula	Faculty Representative
James C. Lewien	Past CCA Advisory Council Representative CCA Foundation Chairman, Denver Region, Commerce Bank
Bernadette Marquez	Member of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education
Elena Sandoval-Lucero	Administrative/Professional Technical Representative
Mark Superka	Colorado Community College System, Vice-President of Finance and Administration

After all of the interviews are complete, the committee will submit names to Dr. McCallin and she will, after consultation with the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, select the next president for the Community College of Aurora.

Located in Aurora, Colorado's third-largest city, CCA serves more than 425,000 residents in a 350 square-mile service area that spans portions of three counties (Arapahoe, Adams, and Denver counties). The service area includes Aurora, eastern Denver, some southern suburban communities, and part of the eastern plains. CCA's two campuses, CentreTech and Lowry, are home to more than 14,000 students

annually. Both facilities are equipped with the latest technologies, allowing students to study new and traditional programs.

CCA's "Vision Statement" declares: "The Community College of Aurora aspires to be the college of choice for the eastern metro region."

CCA's "Mission Statement" affirms that the college, "provides lifelong educational opportunities, prepares the current and future workforce, and promotes excellence in teaching, learning and service to our diverse community."

CCA's "Values" include respect, collaboration, quality, access and diversity. The institution's current strategic goals encompass: increasing student retention, completion, and transfer rates; continually improving student learning; increasing student enrollment; strengthening human resources; and, strengthening the college's visibility and community relations.

More information is available at <http://www.ccaurora.edu/presidential-search>.

The Colorado Community College System comprises the state's largest system of higher education, serving more than 162,000 students annually. CCCS oversees career and academic programs in the 13 state community colleges and career and technical programs in more than 160 school districts and seven other post-secondary institutions.