Community College of Denver, founded in 1967.
An Affordable, Applicable Education in a Diverse Urban Environment.

With three Denver locations, Community College of Denver (CCD) is dedicated to providing an exceptional education to our diverse community of motivated learners.

Whether studying at the Auraria Campus, Advanced Manufacturing Center, Health Sciences at Lowry, or through CCD Online, our students are attracted to our small class sizes, flexible schedules, award-winning professors, extensive support services, world-class facilities, easy access via public transportation and affordable tuition.

To meet the needs of our 8,000-plus students — the majority of whom attend school part time — classes are offered during the day, evenings, weekends and online.

CCD is one of the most diverse colleges in the state of Colorado; is federally recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (since 2001), is a military-friendly college, and our international student population represents more than 40 countries. CCD is a leading point of entry for students seeking academic transfer, career and technical education, or workforce training.

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CCD CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF CHANGING LIVES & SHAPING FUTURES

Founded in 1967, CCD began as the first community college in the city and county of Denver. Originally located in a renovated auto showroom in downtown Denver, CCD is now the only community college in the nation to share a campus with two four-year universities. Through progressive leaders and a dedicated faculty and staff, CCD is a nationally recognized community college.

To celebrate our 50th year of meeting the higher-education needs of Denver, CCD hosted 18 events during the 2017-18 academic year. Our goals were to celebrate our successes, to increase college pride, and to increase our support of the community.

Our keystone birthday celebration held in October welcomed more than 300 guests, including Mayor Michael Hancock, City Council Members Mary Beth Susman and Albus Brooks, numerous alumni, and past and current employees.

Later in the year, CCD’s theater department wrote and produced a play based on our 50-year history, entitled Our History Shapes Our Future. Its premiere, with more than 100 guests, donated a portion of the ticket sales to support CCD scholarships.

To give back to the community, CCD marched in several local parades and partnered with Mile High United Way and the Linus Project on community service projects.

To close the celebrations, we hosted a reception after our commencement ceremony, where more than 1,000 graduates and their families mingled and took photos with faculty and staff. CCD’s 50th year fittingly graduated the largest number of students ever.

Photo: From top clockwise: Mayor Michael Hancock, Katharyn Mahoney, CCD mascot Swoop & Ashley Janakilo; CCD President Dr. Everette Freeman and City Council President Albus Brooks; City Council Member Mary Beth Susman; Kit Hollingshead & CCD valedictorian, Ola Alsaadi
FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

The most satisfying thing about being president when an institution turns 50 is that one knows that they are standing on the shoulders of others. I’m feeling that sense of satisfaction now.

Over the course of the past year, I watched and celebrated the successes made possible by the hard work and dedication of the CCD community. In September 1967, Colorado House Bill 1449 was signed into law, creating CCD. Today, CCD is the only community college in the city and county of Denver; it is surrounded by history, arts, sports and culture. Over the years, we’ve grown: expanding our degree offerings and transfer agreements, expanding our neighborhood on the Auraria Campus and branching into surrounding areas, expanding the numbers of students who graduate with a life-changing certificate or degree. Their successes tell our story best.

Ola AlSaadi — who could barely speak English when she started at CCD — said, “Coming to Community College of Denver has refined my personality. I have become the strongest person I have ever been. People here, including faculty, staff and coworkers, have believed in me more than I believed in myself. This supportive and encouraging environment makes CCD unique. Everyone helps each other succeed because we know that we all do better when we help each other.”

Curtis Redmond, a spring 2018 CCD graduate, thought he would never attend college.

“After successfully graduating, I do see I have a future and I am about to put my degree to use and start a whole new life,” he said.

Damon Deschamp came to CCD to reinvent himself and learn a new set of skills and a trade.

“I really found a lot more than that,” he said. “Going from a CCD student to a graduate to a business owner, to now an employer of other Community College of Denver students and graduates, has been a life-changing experience … because who knew? I certainly didn’t.”

It is these stories — as well as the thousands that came before — that convey CCD’s rich history. Whether a student walks through our doors to earn a certificate, learn a trade or achieve an associate degree to either transfer or start work right away, CCD is committed to serving our community as we have for the past five decades.

Congratulations, CCD. Here’s to the next 50!

Everette J. Freeman, Ed.D
CCD President

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

2001 / CCD is officially designated by the U.S. Department of Education as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI).

2002 / Concurrent Enrollment Begins. CCD partners with Denver Public Schools to offer free college classes to students still in high school.

February 3, 2002 / The CCD Foundation hosts the Champions of Education event at The Adam’s Mark Hotel. Mayor Hickamlooper, Elaine Gantz Berman and Dr. Jerry Wartgow are honored.

February 15, 2005 / CCD sponsors Energy for Change, Partners in Education recognizing the Honorable Ben Nighthorse Campbell.

January 2005 / TEC West moves to the Teikyo Loretto Heights University Campus in southwest Denver.

May 2011 / The CCD Mascot, the CityHawk, designed by a CCD graphic design student, is unveiled.

May 2014 / CCD Cherry Creek Building (previously the South Classroom Building) receives renovations of more than 139,000 square feet.

October 2015 / The CCD Advanced Manufacturing Center (AMC) opens at 2570 31st St., offering more than 33,000 square feet of state-of-the-art training facilities for machining and welding. Vice President Joe Biden visited the AMC on July 21, 2015, before the grand opening.

July 2016 / CCD offers its first Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in dental hygiene filling the gap in educational opportunities for dental hygienists in the state of Colorado.

Fall, 2017 / CCD offers 2,104 different classes.

2012 / CCD opens a Transfer Success Center, the first transfer center at any community college in the state of Colorado.

May 2013 / CCD Confluence Building opens on the Auraria Campus. It is designed to accommodate the needs of students, offering everything from centralized and easily accessible intake offices to large, dedicated study areas.

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December 2015 / CCD opens its 50th Anniversary!
Twenty years ago, while CCD celebrated its 30-year anniversary, Paul Chavez found himself on the Auraria Campus, with a thirst for knowledge, but no exact idea of his career goals. Like many young adults, Paul’s quest for an education began when he recognized that his goals in life were limited by his current knowledge. For Paul Chavez, this awareness happened after his discharge from the Navy at the age of 23.

With the help of the Veterans Support Services and his GI Bill College Fund, he registered for a variety of coursework at CCD in different departments with the hopes of discovering a calling.

It was Professor Stacey L. Beckman, current chair of the paralegal program, who saw something very special in Chavez’s work and attitude. During that year, she made a bold recommendation that the American Civil Liberties Union bring him in for one of their highly coveted and prestigious internship positions. Thus began Paul’s career as a civil rights attorney.

“It was Professor Beckman’s incredible encouragement that helped guide my decision to complete my degree,” said Chavez. After CCD, he completed his bachelor’s degree at University of Colorado Denver on the Auraria Campus and was then accepted at one of the nation’s premier law schools, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law.

Since then, Chavez has worked to protect civil rights in roles such as senior attorney and executive director with Centro Legal de la Raza in San Francisco, and as a civil litigation associate with Donahue Fitzgerald, LLP in northern California. In 2015, he received the highly prestigious Attorney of the Year Award from California Lawyer Magazine in recognition of his work protecting the rights of immigrants and the dignity of the poor, working with Hispanic families of northern and central California.
In the name of scientific exploration, Fleur Ferro, professor of biology, set sail November 8, 2017 aboard the 211-foot exploration vessel (EV) Nautilus to explore the Revillagigedo Archipelago off Mexico in the Pacific Ocean.

Ferro, selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants from other colleges and universities around the country, including middle and high school teachers, joined a diverse crew of 38 fellow scientists and educators to conduct expeditions to uncharted parts of the ocean to collect marine data and specimens. The EV Nautilus is operated by the Ocean Exploration Trust (OET), a nonprofit founded by Dr. Robert Ballard in 2008, with a mission of oceanic study and exploration.

“Dr. Ballard is a mega celebrity in marine biology circles, probably best known for his discovery of RMS Titanic’s final resting place and as a National Geographic Explorer in Residence,” says Ferro. “Being a marine biologist in landlocked Colorado might not seem logical, but my passion is to bring this important part of our ecosystem to our students who are disconnected to it by virtue of geography.”

For her first expedition, Ferro interacted with audiences from all over the world on the ship’s international live video, audio and data feed, and posted content to OET’s website in both English and Spanish.

Working alongside scientists from Harvard University and the University of Rhode Island as they collected data about the geology and inhabitants of the sea floor, Ferro’s job on board provided a crucial role in OET’s joint goal of sharing the knowledge gained from their expeditions with scientists all over the world and bringing the excitement, knowledge and wonder of the ocean to wider audiences.

“The ocean is so mysterious,” she says. “I hosted multiple 20-minute ship-to-shore live interactions with students, scientists and educators.” After she returned, Ferro created learning sessions based on the data collected to share with CCD and the Denver community.
Byron McClenney, Ph.D., was honored as CCD Champion for his dedication and service during the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recognition event. Dr. McClenney spent 56 years as an educator, including nearly 33 years as a community college CEO and 14 years as president of CCD. He has served as a consultant to institutions, state higher education systems, state governments, and professional associations in 47 states and internationally. He focused his career on student success, institutional effectiveness, leadership, strategic planning and organizational transformation.

Byron made a unique and lasting impression on CCD by ensuring that the diversity of its employees matched the diversity of its students. His leadership led CCD toward designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution and to a student body of more than 50 percent who self-identify as underrepresented.

In reflection of CCD’s 50 years as a higher-education institution, we would like to thank and recognize Dr. McClenney for his leadership and guidance over the years.
STUDENT SUCCESS

OLA ALSAADI | CCD’S COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND VALEDICTORIAN

Ola AlSaadi and her husband, Ali Alalwia, left Iraq in 2012, in search of a safer life and better future. They immigrated to the United States, eventually settling in Denver.

“When we moved, we literally started from zero,” Ola remembers. “No money, no jobs. We came with nothing.”

The first year was hard on her. Ali, who had a job with the U.S. National Guard Reserves and also worked as a security guard, adapted to the culture faster than Ola. For almost a year, she stayed home alone every day, which was difficult for someone accustomed to having her large family around. Afraid to speak the minimal English she knew, she talked to no one but Ali during that first year.

Eventually, Ola was connected to Imane Benjelloun, the project director for the TRIO Student Support Services, who helped Ola get started at CCD.

“I had been lost and didn’t know what to do,” Ola says. “Imane gave me her phone number and told me to text or call whenever I needed help.”

Ola started at CCD in fall 2015 with the Francie Anhut Scholarship, the Excellence Scholarship, and the Denver Foundation Scholarship, as well as a work-study position with TRIO Student Support Services.

Now Ola had the chance to pursue her dream of helping victims of war. Her goals were to earn a degree at CCD, which would propel her into the bio-engineering program. There, she could learn the latest advances in prosthetics and 3-D printing and bring them to people who’d lost limbs in wars.

Never losing sight of this mission, Ola grew more confident every day.

“CCD feels like home,” she said. “As a Muslim woman who wears a hijab, no one will judge. Here, I never had a bad experience being a Muslim. You can find a lot of people who really care about you.”

This spring, Ola graduated with an Associate of Science degree and was the first person in her family to graduate from college. She also recently became a U.S. citizen. She is on track to complete the rest of her educational and career goals by studying bio-engineering at a four-year Colorado institution.
MILESTONES

WHILE 50 YEARS IS A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE, CCD ALSO SPENT THE ACADEMIC YEAR CELEBRATING ITS MANY COLLABORATIONS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

Now in its 10th year, the Confucius Institute at Community College of Denver (CICCD) has brought an appreciation of Chinese culture and language to the Denver community. CICCD is part of an international network of Confucius Institutes—headquartered in Beijing, China—whose purpose is to promote the understanding of Chinese language and culture and to enhance intercultural exchange. With support from the Colorado Community College System, CCD is currently collaborating with the University of Jinan in running the Confucius Institute. Among its many accomplishments, CICCD has provided services to more than 6,500 students in learning Chinese language and culture, has sent more than 20 students to study in China through scholarships, and sponsored more than 100 students to attend summer camps in China. CCD is the only community college in the world with a Confucius Institute.

DENVER SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF) named CCD their 2017 College Partner of the Year for its increased success and retention of DSF scholars. CCD was recognized for creating innovative programs to support DSF scholars, which was evidenced by the college’s 6 percent increase in DSF scholar retention and completion this past academic year.

TAX HELP COLORADO

Finally, this year marked CCD’s 10-year partnership with The Piton Foundation. With this collaboration, CCD students provide free tax preparation to the Denver community and in turn receive college credit and gain professional skills that will help them in their future careers. Since its inception, the tax site operated at CCD has helped families file 4,345 returns and claim more than $9.2 million in refunds.

CCD IS THE ONLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE WORLD WITH A CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE.
Whether a CCD student is in pursuit of a certificate, an associate degree or a bachelor’s degree, CCD supports them on their academic journey. Many students are in pursuit of a four-year degree and CCD’s guaranteed transfer program smooths the way. During the 2016-2017 academic year*, 2,482 CCD students transferred to a two- or four-year institution in Colorado or another four-year school around the country.

* Total transfer numbers are only calculated the prior academic year.

Top 5 Schools CCD Students Transfer to within Colorado
1. Metropolitan State University of Denver
2. University of Colorado Denver
3. Colorado State University (Fort Collins)
4. University of Colorado Boulder
5. Regis University

Top 5 Majors for Transfer Students at Transfer Universities/Colleges
1. Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies and Humanities
2. Business Administration, Management and Operations
3. Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General
4. Registered Nursing/Registered Nurse
5. Biology/Biological Sciences, General

Of our students are first-generation

64%

Highest Number of Unduplicated Headcount

8,556

Average Age

24

Certificates Awarded

774

Associate Degrees Awarded

707

BAS Degrees Awarded

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Alisha Nikodemus was born in a small town in Germany and clashed with her educational environment. Looking for a second chance at a career by way of a college education, she set her sights on the United States. Family friends from Pueblo, Colorado, offered her a free place to stay so she could try community college. She eventually found her way to CCD and excelled at her two passions: journalism and media production.

Alisha became interested in Pepperdine University, where she could earn a degree in both fields of study. To get into Pepperdine — now her dream school — she would have to make up for not having an American high school education.

To build her extracurricular activities, Alisha interned for college credit with the student newspaper, The Star Journal of Excellence, then became its editor-in-chief.

In December of her second year at CCD, Alisha applied to Pepperdine, with a letter of recommendation from CCD’s President Everette Freeman.

Alisha graduated from CCD in the spring of 2018 and was accepted to Pepperdine. She began her university studies this fall in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree. One day she hopes to be a film or television producer or maybe a scriptwriter.

No matter where her life takes her next, she credits CCD for helping her get there. “I think you have a lot of opportunities here,” Alisha says of CCD. “They all helped me, and they will help you.”
CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

CCD MEETS NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR HIGH-QUALITY CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM

In May 2018, CCD earned National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation. This serves as a guarantee that concurrent enrollment at CCD meets rigorous national standards of high-quality programming. It is the first college or university in Colorado to receive this prestigious distinction.

To earn the NACEP stamp of approval, CCD underwent a rigorous three-year application process. Dozens of faculty and staff from across the college evaluated and made improvements to institutional practices and policies, including onboarding faculty, course syllabi, student handbooks and the standards of achievement.

Through concurrent enrollment, which enables high school students to enroll in college-level courses at their high schools, students do not have to pay for tuition; each year, students and families save more than $2 million by accessing the program. CCD serves students in the Denver metro area and has partnerships with many Denver Public Schools high schools.

Courses Taken through Concurrent Enrollment

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Students who attend college full time have a higher graduation rate than students who attend part time. Many CCD students are first generation, low income, non-traditional and/or parents who must work to support their families — 71 percent of CCD students attend part time. The CCD Foundation funds scholarships that contribute greatly to educational persistence by providing resources to students so they are able to complete certificate and degree programs in a timelier fashion.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT
Scholarship contributions to support CCD students are currently eligible to receive 1:1 matching dollars from:

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WAYS TO GIVE
- Gifts of cash are accepted. Make check payable to the CCD Foundation.
- Credit card gifts can be made at CCD-Foundation.org/Donate
- Please consider non-cash gifts such as retirement plan assets, appreciated stocks, bonds and mutual funds, and in-kind contributions of goods or services.

As a 501(c)(3) public charity, the purpose of the CCD Foundation is to develop a sustainable source of revenue to support CCD, its students, faculty, staff and programs. Through scholarships to students, program and faculty support, and capital enhancements, the Foundation strives to offer life-changing educational opportunities for CCD students.

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