



MLK students discover benefits of college at Xcel Energy Foundation camp

CCA hosted more than 50 high school sophomores and juniors from Martin Luther King Early College

at its Oct. 10 Xcel Energy Foundation Camp, and students experienced numerous academic tracks and discovered why attending college can help them succeed in a big way.

Imaginative workshops engaged the students, and activities included games and improvisational activities, exploration of a human skeleton, building structures out of marshmallows and spaghetti, learning about anatomy through dissection, and discovering the challenges and rewards of a career in emergency medicine.

One objective of the program is to educate K-12 students of the opportunities available



From left: CCA student Searra Rambo and CCA adjunct faculty member Amanda Christopher teach MLK Early College students the components of a human skeleton.



MLK student Alyssa Ramirez participates in a theater workshop at CCA.

at CCA in science, mathematics, and computers, and about the college resources that can help prepare them for employment in these fields.

Students from Hinkley High School in the Aurora Public School District will attend a similar Camp at CCA on Nov. 21. "These Camps bring in students who may be thinking about college as an option, and we show them firsthand that they can succeed," said Robley Welliver, CCA faculty member and coordinator of this year's Xcel Energy Foundation-funded project.



MLK student Brianda Delatorre works with her classmates to build a bridge out of spaghetti and marshmallows.

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Students from Ghana, Saudi Arabia discuss their backgrounds with CCA audience

The first in this year's Cultural Awareness Workshop Series

was held last week, and two CCA students had the opportunity to describe their experiences growing up in regions outside of the United States.

Grace Asante, president of CCA's International Student Organization, spoke of coming to America and the "culture shock" she felt attending a small public school in Niwot, Colo.

Originally from the Asante tribe found in the Ashanti region in Ghana, she relocated here four years ago.

She reported that people in her culture are raised to be aggressive in their schooling, as well as in their work and in business settings.

"We make sure our voices are heard," she explained, adding that the Asante tribe gives its women equality "from the get-go."

Asante people "are raised to be independent, yet we believe in an extensive family system," she explained.

When asked by an audience member "Is there anything you found strikingly different here than it is back home in Africa?"

Asante said, to much laughter, "Yeah. You guys put cheese in everything."

Nouf Faraidy of Saudi Arabia agreed with Asante that Americans are not exactly how they are portrayed in the media.

"People here are more isolated and independent" than what she is used to, she said.

"Up to five generations can live together in one house" in Saudi Arabia, she explained.

"And, back home, we are a very social society. I miss that here," she said, concurring with Asante



Nouf Faraidy discussed her upbringing in Saudi Arabia.

Grace Asante spoke of her experience growing up in Ghana.

that Americans "get home from work and put their car in the garage and stay inside until they leave for work the next day."

When asked "What's the one thing you wish Americans knew about your culture?" she replied: "The woman's role in our society: Saudi women are educated, and they work!"

The next Workshop takes place Nov. 5; see "CCA Events" in this edition of InterCom for details.

“Conflict Resolution” event held at CCA

Informing participants that professional and volunteer mediators help change lives, two presenters at a special CCA event held last week revealed how passionate one can be about one’s work.

Held in recognition of Conflict Resolution Day, CCA’s luncheon event was coordinated by Robin Rossenfeld, CCA public service program specialist, and featured presentations by Patty Lampman of Mediators Beyond Borders and Gabrielle Frey, director of Resolution Works.

Conflict Resolution Day is an annual international celebration to promote the benefits of conflict resolution in communities around the world.

Gov. Bill Ritter declared Oct. 16, 2008, Conflict Resolution Day in Colorado.



From left: Gabrielle Frey of Resolution Works, Robin Rossenfeld of CCA, and Patty Lampman of Mediators Beyond Borders

Seen Around Campus

The college held a food-tasting on Oct. 8 in connection with Aurora’s “On Havana” International Restaurant Week, and students, faculty, and staff flocked to the Rotunda to enjoy culinary samplings from around the world. In addition, participants learned new dance styles in celebration of other cultures.



International Restaurant Week (10/8).



CCA Events

CHINDIA: A COMPARISON BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND INDIAN DEVELOPMENTAL EXPERIENCE

Presented by Visiting Scholar Dr. William Wei
4-5 p.m., Oct. 29, CTC Student Centre Rotunda.

COMING TO AMERICA

Presented by CCA International Student Association’s Cultural Awareness Workshop Series in collaboration with Global Initiatives
12:30-2:30 p.m., Nov. 5, CTC Student Centre Rotunda.

SENEGAL: BALANCING TRADITION AND CHANGE

Presented by Maria Halloran
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 7, CTC C-107.

THE SILK ROAD: THE INTERNET OF THE ANCIENT WORLD

Presented by Visiting Scholar Dr. William Wei
7:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 10, CTC C-207B.

CCA News Briefs

Original CCA multimedia theater performance offered Nov. 6-8 & 12

The original CCA multimedia theater production "Glimpses: Portraits of the Soul—The Stories of our CCA Community" will be performed Nov. 6-8 and Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. each night in the Larry D. Carter Theater on the CentreTech Campus. The performance is crafted in celebration of the CCA student body. "Through acting, music, dance, and film, we will discover who we are, where we have come from, and where we can go together," says Stacey D'Angelo, CCA faculty member and the production's director. The performance is assistant-directed by Colleen Mylott. Tickets are available at the door at \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for CCA students and staff. For information, call 303-340-7529.

Wells Fargo gift to CCA Foundation to support Business Simulation Studios

Wells Fargo has contributed \$15,000 to Community College of Aurora's initiative to establish Business Simulation Studios at its Lowry Campus-based Center for Simulation.

Save the date: Mission to Saturn discussed in upcoming Sherlin Lecture

Dr. Colin Mitchell of the Cassini Mission Imaging Team will present "Cassini: A Mission to Saturn" as part of CCA's Sherlin Lecture Series in Astronomy and Space Science. Dr. Mitchell will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the Fine Arts Building Forum on the CentreTech Campus and will discuss results of the mission. Admission is free.

Best-selling author, famed feminist Gloria Steinem to speak at CCA

With Election Day fast approaching, CCA will host a public discussion led by Gloria Steinem, well-known author and co-founder of Ms. Magazine. The event will be held from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building Forum on Nov. 1. The event is sponsored by Colorado Federation of Business and Professional Women. For more information, call Carolyn Romero at 303-514-0620.

Know the rubrics - develop lifelong skills!

Central to the mission of CCA is the development of six lifelong skills in every graduate: Communication, Quantitative Reasoning, Aesthetic Perception, Critical Inquiry, Technology, and Inter/Intra Personal Responsibility. A "Know the Rubrics" workshop will familiarize instructors with the essence of these skills and deliver ideas on how an instructor can, through course content and assignments, develop these skills in students. Presenter: David Spiegel. From 2-4 p.m. Nov. 6, Lowry Campus Bldg. 901, room 200, and from 2-4 p.m. Nov. 17, CentreTech Campus C-106.

Enroll now for Costa Rican field studies

Students can enroll now for the May 20-30, 2009, field trip with CCA faculty and professionally trained bilingual anthropologists and biologists to study one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Students will work alongside scientists studying traditional

Costa Rican cultures and endangered leatherback sea turtles and will visit ancient archaeological sites and visit with indigenous communities. Students can earn three credits in either ANT 275 or BIO 275. For details, e-mail elizabeth.hirsh@ccaaurora.edu or call Sheridan Samano at 303-340-7299.

Kudos to...

Sheryl Broadnax in CCA's Accessibilities Services Office, who was presented with the Education Award from the Denver Commission for People with Disabilities and Office of Disability Rights for her work in contributing to the well-being of Denver citizens with disabilities. The award was presented to Broadnax at the Fifth Annual Awards Breakfast held earlier this month at the Colorado Convention Center.

City of Aurora Events

HOLIDAYS AT THE HOMESTEAD Oct. 30 – Dec. 7, Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gully Homestead, 200 S. Chambers Road, Aurora. The annual sale at the 1870 Gully Homestead will feature handmade crafts, gifts, antiques, and primitives, including clothes, specialty food items, ornaments, and more. Sip cider and munch on a cookie while browsing the wares in this historic setting. Contact 303-326-8630 for more information.

For more events, see www.auroragov.org.