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The CCHS/CR

- The Colorado Council on High School/College Relations (CCHS/CR) is a volunteer member organization comprised of colleges and high schools in Colorado that work together to coordinate college counseling activities. Learn more about us at coloradocouncil.org

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Let us not forget in the turmoil of this year's historic Presidential Election, that the Colorado Ballot contains some key items, which can impact the bedrock of our society, public education. It has been said that, with 14 amendments and 4 referenda (as well as the critical local question of DPS funding), many people are saying "a pox on all your houses" and planning to vote no on all questions. However, there are some issues on the ballot whose success/defeat can vitally impact education across Colorado.

Amendment 59 – YES - First and foremost: the bipartisan proposal to fix the TABOR/23 "perfect storm" - a yes vote on Amendment 23 will extend the benefits of 2005's Referendum C, allow the state to retain the so-called TABOR surpluses in a Savings Account for P-12 Education and continue on the path of restoring our seriously underfunded Higher Education system. Note that both Speaker Romanoff, Treasurer Cary Kennedy and Republican Attorney General John Suthers support this amendment. It does not raise your taxes; nor does it remove the requirement that we con-

tinue to vote on all tax increases.

Amendment 46 - NO - No less important, this "poison pill" masquerading as an "equal opportunity" proposal, would deny our colleges, schools, employers and community based organizations the freedom to invest in affirmative action on behalf of underserved groups, whether that be by gender, race or ethnicity - such programs as the enormously successful CAB-PES (Colorado Association of Black Professional Engineers and Scientists) would be denied their mandate, to help students of color advance in the fields of Science and Technology.

Amendment 58 – YES - Governor Ritter's proposal to end the energy industry's 30-year holiday from severance taxes...supported by many responsible energy firms, but furiously opposed by such giants as Exxon-Mobil: if 58 passes, Colorado will get an additional \$200 million a year for college scholarships for low and middle income students...and the energy firms will still be paying less taxes than in neighboring states.

Amendment 50 – YES - a difficult but ultimately necessary proposition, as it involves allowing the Casino towns to vote on raising their betting limits; it's another one that benefits education, providing long-overdue relief to our community colleges. If passed, #50 will provide for investment in faculty, technology and access for students to the courses we desperately need them to master, if Colorado is to compete in the 21st Century: 90% of the family wage jobs of this century will require some post-secondary study...and this amendment will expand the pipeline to success.

A couple of weeks back, we were comparing how states support their colleges, and looking enviously at the Georgia model of Hope Scholarships. "How do they do it?" we wondered: they use gambling revenue, as do many other states. Can we afford to ignore this revenue stream? For a good overview of all 14 Amendments (4 have been withdrawn) and 4 Referenda, go to the League of Women Voters at www.lwvcolorado.org

Nominations Needed

By Susan Hunt, Past-President CCHS/CR,
Lakewood High School

Welcome back to an already busy and exciting school year! Although I have sent several e-mails to you through the CCHS/CR E-List, I wanted to reach out one more time with information about Elections, Awards and Recognitions and Retirees. As Past President of Colorado Council, my main responsibility this year is to put together a slate of officers for open Executive Board positions and to recognize current and retired individuals who have contributed much over the years to our profession. I need your help to identify worthy candidates and to find willing and able professionals interested in becoming more involved.

We are accepting nominations for the following positions to be available on the 2009 Executive Board:

- President-Elect- Two year college person (3 years)
- Secretary (1 year)
- District 1 HS Representative (2 years)
- District 3 HS Representative (2 years)
- District 5 HS Representative (2 years)
- District 7 HS Representative (2 years)
- Four Year College Represen-

tative (2 years)

- Post-Secondary At Large Representative (2 years)

High school counselors, you can identify your district by looking in the High School Counselor Directory published by Colorado State University. You can nominate yourself or someone you feel would be a good candidate; but please make sure your nominee is on board.

I have received a wonderful response from many of you with names of colleagues who retired from their positions this past school year. But we do not want to leave anyone out so please forward the name, school and home address of anyone you feel has not been mentioned yet. We need the home addresses so that we can invite them to the December Annual Conference to receive their plaques.

Colorado Council has established four special awards to recognize individuals who have contributed much to our organization and the individuals we serve. Please forward names to me of anyone you feel should be considered for the following recognitions:

- **Service to Council-** Awarded to individuals or or-

ganizations who made outstanding contributions to CCHS/CR during the past year.

- **Hall of Fame-** Awarded to individuals who, over time, have contributed to the goals of CCHS/CR. A candidate must have received or been eligible to receive the Service to Council Award.

- **Lifetime Achievement-** Awarded to retirees, high school or college, who have made outstanding contributions to CCHS/CR during their career. Recipients must have received a Hall of Fame Award previously.

- **Cynthia E. Gayles-** Awarded to a college admission professional who exemplifies service to the admission field in their daily lives.

In order to get this information organized in time for the Annual Conference on December 4 and 5, mail ballots and order plaques, I need to hear from you no later than October 15. I can be reached at shunt@jeffco.k12.co.us

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I look forward to receiving lots of good referrals and to recognizing all of the good that is being done in our world today.



Annual Conference 2008

December 4th & 5th

Colorado Springs Marriott

Thursday Keynote Speaker:

Joseph A. Garcia, President of Colorado State University—Pueblo

In August of 2006, Joseph A. Garcia became the 13th president of Colorado State University—Pueblo. Mr. Garcia earned an undergraduate degree in business from the University of Colorado (1979) and a Juris Doctorate from Harvard Law School (1983). He also has studied at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and at Oxford University.

Garcia has worked in the areas of law, higher education, and state and federal government. At the state level, he served on the Governor's Cabinet and, at the federal level, he served as a White House

appointee with responsibility for housing and community development in the six Mountain States. As an educator, Garcia has taught as an adjunct professor and has lectured in classrooms at Colorado College, CU-Colorado Springs, Pikes Peak Community College and CU-Denver.

From 2001-2006, he served as President of Pikes Peak Community College.

Garcia has twice been selected as Hispanic Business Magazine's "Hispanic Legal Elite" and was twice voted "President of the Year" by the Colorado Community Colleges State Student Advisory Council. The Colorado Springs NAACP named him "Outstanding Administrator in Higher Education" in 2004 and the Colorado Springs Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

named him Community Leader of the Year in 2006. In February 2007 he was named Outstanding Professional of the Year by the

Latino Chamber of Commerce of Pueblo. He currently co-chairs the Governor's P-20 Task Force and is a member of the Governmental Affairs and Advocacy Committee for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities and a Commissioner for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.



Registration Fees:

Early Bird rate good through October 31st

Thursday and Friday: \$100

Thursday or Friday only: \$55

Additional Dinner Guest for Thursday evening: \$30

(Late registration fee of \$20 after October 31st)

Special Conference Rate -
Counseling Graduate Students &
Retirees

Thursday and Friday: \$80

Thursday or Friday only: \$45

For registration questions, contact

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Register now at:

<http://coloradocouncil.org/>



Friday Keynote Speaker

Corey Ciocchetti, University of Denver

An Assistant Professor of Business Ethics and Legal Studies in the Daniels College of Business at the University of Denver, Corey A. Ciocchetti is one of the University's most popular and highest-rated professors. Corey joined DU after graduating with a law degree from Duke University School of Law, a Masters degree in Religious Studies and two Bachelors

degrees in Finance and Economics—*summa cum laude*—from the University of Denver.

In August 2006, Corey won the Charles Hewitt Master Teacher competition at the national meeting of the Academic of Legal Studies in Business and, in March 2007, Corey was awarded the Outstanding Professor of the Year Award by the University of Denver Alumni Association. He currently teaches classes on Business Ethics, Business Law, Employment Law and Constitutional Law in a department ranked by the Wall Street Journal as third in the world for producing students with high ethical standards. Corey also speaks to thousands of individuals each year about "authentic success" and living an ethical life and is the author of the book *Real Rabbits: Chasing An Authentic Life*.

