



Quarterly Newsletter Summer 2010

Letter from the Past President *Vaughn Toland*

Dear Colleagues,

As the school year winds down and we start thinking about our summer plans, I wanted to request your help in identifying our colleagues who are saying goodbye this year. We will be recognizing individuals who are retiring this May/June at the Annual Conference in December. However, I would greatly appreciate if you could forward their name, school, email address, home address (if available), and years of service to me now while they are fresh in your minds. Home address is needed to invite them to the Conference presentation at the end of the year.

In addition, we will have a number of Executive Board positions that will be available and are looking at this time for individuals who might be interested in becoming more involved in our organization. Both college and high school folks are needed and years of experience are not necessary. Time (although that is relative), energy and interest are more important factors in

the people we seek. Here is a list of the positions that are up for election this year:

- President-elect: University person (3 year term)
- Secretary (2 year term)
- District 1 High School Rep (2 year term)
- District 3 High School Rep (2 year term)
- District 5 High School Rep (2 year term)
- District 7 High School Rep (2 year term)
- Four-year College Rep (2 year term)
- Post-secondary Rep at large (2 year term)

(If you don't know what district you are in, click on the following link: <http://www.coloradocouncil.org/about/pdf/District-Map-Colorado-Council.pdf>).

Best Wishes,

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Fun Facts for Counselors

It has been quite a year in high school, college and university offices across the country. We've worked hard to prepare our students for life beyond high school – it's never easy! We thought we would inject some humor into your day with the following entertainment from higher education. We hope these inspire your creativity and amuse you a little as well.

Two counselors at the University of Delaware created this YouTube gem (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DFJ2j3206k>) their dramatic portrayal of a day in the life of an admission counselor in the midst of file-reading season is, sadly, fairly accurate!

Here's a tongue in cheek video (<http://devweb.rcoe>.

appstate.edu/hothothot/) highlighting all that Appalachian State University has to offer (you have to love an institute of higher learning that has their sense of humor firmly intact!).

And finally, perhaps the most well-publicized message from an admission office this year comes to us from the Yale University contingent. Many of you have probably already seen this (quite literal) song and dance (<http://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/01/19/yale/?hp>), but for those of you that have not, it's worth a viewing. It's 17 minutes long, by the way – consider yourself warned.

Happy summer to everyone!

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Legislative Updates: Budget

General Overview

The Second Regular Session of the Sixty-Seventh General Assembly began on Wednesday, January 13, 2010, and adjourned on Wednesday, April 12, 2010. During the 120-day session, a total of 771 pieces of legislation were introduced with 217 bills originating in the Senate and 432 bills originating in the House. During the first 110 days of the legislative session, any bills that are sent to the Governor have 10 days to be signed, vetoed, or be allowed to become law without a signature. Starting May 3, 2010, Governor Bill Ritter has 30 days to take the same actions. This narrative is intended to summarize the legislative activities by category with specific bills highlighted.

Overall Budget

The biggest issue affecting virtually every piece of legislation this session was the budget and revenue shortfall of the state. For the 2010-11 fiscal year, the state was approximately \$1.6B below the TABOR spending limit with a shortfall of \$2.2B, thus forcing deep cuts in every area of the budget, including K-12; higher education that had been cut in previous years and was propped up this year by the federal stimulus money that is ending in 2011-12.

Attempts were made at passing legislation that would have created a rainy day fund or to redistribute limited gaming money, but those were defeated.

- o HB10-1072 Create Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund (Rep. Court / Sen. Heath)
 - fl Coming out of the Fiscal Stability Interim Committee, HB10-1072 created the State Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund requiring increasing amounts of general fund moneys, measured as a percentage of annual general fund appropriations, to be credited to the fund at the end of each fiscal year until the fund balance can be maintained at 15% of general fund appropriations.
 - fl The bill was postponed indefinitely by the House Finance Committee on 3/11.
- o SB10-206 Distribution of State Share of Limited Gaming Revenue (Sen. White / Rep. Scanlan)
 - fl This bill would have removed the triggers and exceptions related to the distributions, commencing with FY 2010-11 and every state fiscal year thereafter, of the 50% of the limited gaming fund allocated to the state general fund or such other fund as the General Assembly provides.
 - fl On Wednesday 5/5 the Senate Finance committee voted to postpone indefinitely SB10-206.

Budget Balancing Bills

This year's state budget, or 'long bill' as many in the political arena call it due to its length, was HB 10-1376 by Rep. Pommer/Sen. Keller. The lack of revenue combined with deflation forced the Joint Budget Committee into difficult task of developing the figures for each department. In an attempt to avoid more permanent cuts than necessary, the General Assembly voted to adjust revenues by passing a series of budget balancing bills that divert general fund dollars from existing programs or liquidate programs.

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Events and Updates

Save the date!

The 2010 Annual Conference will be held on December 2 & 3 at the Embassy Suites in Loveland. As a reminder, remember to submit your session proposals for the December Annual Conference by September 15, 2010. Please go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LRPK9KP> to submit any proposals.

The registrations for Fall Counselor Workshops begins on July 1 - mark your calendars and make sure to get a spot at this year's workshops! For a complete list of this year's workshops and for registration please visit - <http://www.coloradocouncil.org/events/workshops.php#fall>

It's not too early to start thinking about the fall semester college fairs!

SATURDAY COLLEGE FAIR AND WORKSHOPS

October 9, 2010
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Cherry Creek High School
9300 E. Union Ave.
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

The day/night college fair schedule will be available online soon at <http://coloradocouncil.org/events/daynight.php> with fairs taking place across the state from September 8 through November 11.

Scholarship Winners

Colorado Council is pleased to announce the winners of the 2010 Colorado Council Volunteerism/Community Service Scholarship. Each of the winners will be receiving a \$1,250 scholarship to use at a Colorado college or university. The winners were chosen based on their volunteerism and community service experience, as well as their extracurricular activities and commitment to helping others. Keep an eye out for more information about some of the winners in future issues of Council Times, where their biographies will be featured.

Reuben Aguirre - Denver School of Science and Technology
Taylor Crowther - Sanford High School
Nicole Davis - Hotchkiss High School
Jenna Ermisch - Holy Family High School
Chelsea Evans - Akron High School
Kinsey Kappeler - Poudre High School
Antonia Lira - Lamar High School
Isabel Medrano - Global Leadership Academy
Lindsey Murphy - Northridge High School
Uchenna Ohaya - Denver School of Science and Technology
Lindsey Precht - Longmont High School
Jasmine Trinh - Westminster High School
Brittany Wilson - Cheyenne Mountain High School

Getting to Know You:

Council Member Bios

In This Issue: Bill Hathaway-Clark

School: Regis University

Number of years at current school: 5

Who is your most influential mentor

and why? Early in my admissions career I was extremely fortunate to have Pete Storey, then director of admissions at CU-Boulder, as my boss, mentor and friend. He believed in me, saw potential, stretched me, encouraged me, teased me and provided me with new opportunities.



Reason for/Route of entering the guidance/counseling field: Actually, this was not my originally chosen field. I was a pre-med student in college and was following family footsteps but in my senior year I decided this was not the field for me. To make ends meet, I worked in the residence halls and soon became a residence hall director at CU while working on masters program in College Student Personnel Work. I took an internship in the admissions office, which led to a full-time position as assistant and associate director of admissions, which I absolutely loved. That prepared me for a move years later to Metro State as director of admissions, then associate dean of enrollment management. A few years after that, I moved to the private side of higher education and joined Regis University as associate vice president of enrollment services. If someone would have asked me my senior year of college what I wanted to do with my life, higher education administration would not have even been in a glimmer in my eye. But now I'm so grateful and for those unforeseen paths taken.

Best/favorite thing about your job: I love being an encourager, motivator, and enabler for my staff as Pete Storey was for me. Helping and seeing others realize their potential and enjoy their job makes my day.

Best/favorite thing about CCHS/CR: The people! It's so great to be among such bright, dedicated, enthusiastic professionals who volunteer countless hours of their time to implement programs that help high school students and families with the transition to college, and to create professional development opportunities for members of our profession – all as volunteers!

First volunteering position or experience with CCHS/CR: My first experience with CCHS/CR was attending my first annual meeting. What an eye-opener for a first-timer. I was amazed at how many people knew each other already from all over the state, how many new friendships were made, how much information sharing was taking place, and how much they enjoyed the event. I knew afterwards that I had to get more involved with this organization.

Personal goal for the next year: To take more time to enjoy my family, friends, the outdoors, skiing and golf.

Biggest accomplishment in life up to today: Having a fantastic family.

Best way to spend a free afternoon: Golfing with my Regis or Metro State buddies.

CCHS/CR Account Creation

Account Creation Contest Results

In February, College In Colorado held a contest for students to update their account information on CollegeInColorado.org. Students who updated their account during the contest timeframe were entered into a random drawing for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship or an iPod. The school with the most updated student accounts will receive \$3,000 for technology needs. Congratulations to all our winners!

\$3,000 Grand Prize Winner: Pinnacle Charter School

\$500 Scholarship Winners:

Keanan Branch-Eagle Valley Middle School
Christian Chupp- Montezuma-Cortez High School
David Hughes- Smiley Middle School
Yonathan Abasta- Heath Middle School
Jaron Carvers- Cortez Middle School
Marissa Montanez- Cheraw Consolidated School

iPod Winners:

Daisy Mendoza- West High School
John Hogsett- South High School
Katelyn Dudley- Durango High School



Counseling Center Makeover

We are proud to announce the winner of our Counseling Center Makeover - York International, located in the Mapleton School District. Congratulations to York International's counselor, Misti Gossett-Thrower, who took the time to put together the application. The counseling center will receive a \$3,000 makeover over the summer. Stay tuned to see the before and after pictures.

CollegeInColorado.org Trainings Budget: Continued from Page 2

College In Colorado full-day trainings are now available. An extensive amount of information is covered, and a step-by-step overview is provided. This may be a good step for those who wish to master a larger portion of CollegeInColorado.org.

For more information and locations, go to <http://www.coloradogearup.org/trainingregistration/training.asp> or contact Mackenzie.Altman@cic.state.co.us.

Training Topics include:

- College Planning and Test Prep
- ICAP Tools, Reporting and Lesson Plans Overview
- Career Planning and Goal Setting

Not sure if you can make it to an off-site training?

College In Colorado is now offers tutorials. Go to CollegeInColorado.org and click on "Training, Outreach & Resources," and find "Website Single-Topic Online Tutorials."

Wondering how CollegeInColorado.org fits with your school's ICAP implementation?

Go to CollegeInColorado.org and click on "Training, Outreach & Resources" for a full overview.

HB10-1383 was part of the budget-balancing package that liquidated a portion of the CollegeInvest scholarship. The bill includes an appropriation clause that refinances \$15.4 million General Fund for need-based financial aid with cash funds from the Colorado CollegeInvest Scholarship Trust Fund. The bill also transfers \$29.8 2 million from the Colorado CollegeInvest Scholarship Trust Fund to the General Fund. Sen. Romer, in an effort to preserve the scholarships generated from CollegeInvest for 7th graders aspiring to attend college, amended HB10-1383 to require the General Assembly to spend down the 4% statutory reserve to 1.5% prior to accessing the scholarship dollars. This amendment does not affect K-12 cuts for FY 10-11, but it does start K-12 funding with a cut of \$25M for FY 11-12.

HB10-1428 is a bill that resulted from notification from CDHE given to the JBC during the budget balancing process that CDHE plans to sell a portion of the CollegeInvest portfolio. Due to new regulations from the Federal government regarding state provision of scholarships and loans and the growing costs of administering CollegeInvest, CDHE decided to sell the \$1.5 billion scholarship portfolio of student loans. This is expected to gross about \$35 million in revenue to the state. CollegeInvest's other functions, including the 529 college savings program, and other related agencies, CollegeInColorado and CollegeAssist, won't be affected by the sale. The \$35 million will not be available to the state until at least September and the proceeds are regulated in HB10-1428. This bill repeals the authority of the student loan division (CollegeInvest) in the Colorado Department of Higher Education, to originate, issue, or guarantee any new student loans after July 1, 2010. If CollegeInvest or any other division of CDHE sells its interest in student loans or obligations, the bill specifies where the proceeds of the sale shall be deposited. The bill also creates the financial need scholarship fund to receive a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the state's interest in student loans.

Tax Issues

In an attempt to generate additional revenue, the legislature passed a series of controversial bills that reinstated existing taxes by repealing current tax exemptions. The exemptions were characterized as new taxes, but in actuality, they were a reinstatement of existing taxes currently approved under law. These bills created an extreme partisan divide very early in the session as legislators were expected to choose between the business community and deeper cuts to K-12 education if the taxes were not reinstated.

For more information and details, visit the Colorado Council web site.



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