



Colorado State University
Colorado Counselor Workshop- Updates Fall 2010

Thank you again for all of your hard work this year- we could not have done it without you!

Fall Enrollment- another record year - almost 4,500 freshmen! Perhaps more exciting is that:

16.5% are racially/ethnically diverse

22% of our CO residents are Pell Eligible. This represents an increase of 30% from last year and of 65% from 2008.

We continue not only to be Colorado's school of choice, but also to ensure access to those who are prepared to come to CSU.

Speaking of diversity - we are very excited to announce that we have a new position at CSU.

Leslee Levato will be serving as the new Assistant Director of Native American recruitment and retention. This position works directly with both the Admissions Office and the Native American Cultural Center.

We'd also like to thank you for your patience and helping your students to be patient while we worked through some of our technological changes this past year. We are happy to report that we really are paperless now and have our processes running pretty smoothly! Your feedback was most helpful, and we appreciate those who were able to assist us in tweaking the system.

Related to this- we are **encouraging students to send their test scores to us directly from the testing agency**. This will **help us serve students better** because the information will load directly into our database and match with their application; the student will not have to wait for us to retrieve it from the high school transcript where it sometimes can be overlooked. Additionally, the data from the testing agency includes additional information about the student- like their academic and outside areas of interest. Having this data on hand helps us direct students to the information they need.

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Other exciting news includes the new CSU Commitment to Colorado. Beginning with the class entering in the fall of 2011, state resident students pursuing their first bachelor's degree whose families make \$57,000 or less - the median family income in Colorado - will pay only **half** the standard tuition rate. Students from lower income families who are **eligible for Pell** grants will **not pay any tuition or fees** to attend CSU.

Some of you are probably familiar with the Land Grant Award that has been available to Pell eligible Colorado residents the last few years. This new program takes that commitment and extends it to many more families.

Other schools around the country have offered this type of program to low-income students; CSU is the first in the state and **one of only a few universities across the country to make such a commitment to middle-income families.** Details are on our website.

Finally, we are excited to announce our new Counselor Advisory Board. This board, made up of school counselors from around the state will meet with key administrators and admissions staff on campus several times a year to discuss hot topics, current issues and key needs for counselors in CO.

There are many, many more things going on at CSU- too many to mention here. If you have questions about anything I mentioned today or any of the other exciting news at CSU, please find me or one of the other CSU admissions folks at lunch. You can also **visit the website, visit campus or give us a call.**