

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to CC & Finance Division

Jen Smithwick – Finance Office
Misty Williams – Childcare Center
Samantha Wdowiarz – Facilities Services

Thank you for your Service:

2 years of service:

Leo White – Facilities Services
Aaron Dilmore – Facilities Services

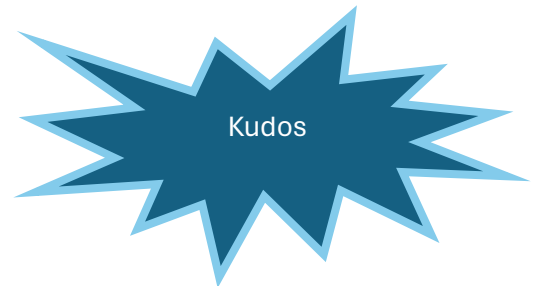
10 years of service:

Klay Matlock – Facilities Services



Jen Smithwick joined the Finance Division on April 8th as the new Associate Vice President for Finance. Jen worked in Australian healthcare finance most of her career, leading accounting and corporate services teams across hospitals. More recently, she was AVP for Finance at Seattle Pacific University. Jen says “I love working in the education sector for two reasons: firstly, there’s so much change going on in the higher ed landscape right now, and I love the opportunities that brings us to continually improve and try new things. Secondly, I think it’s a privilege to be able to serve our students as they gain skills, knowledge, and confidence.

Even though we might be behind a computer desk most of the day, we must remember that we all have a part to play in student outcomes”. Outside of work, Jen is married to Steve, a Colorado Springs local, and they have two kids: Laramie (7) and Caleb (3).



“Thank you” from Thom Flood, AVP for Facility Operations at the University of Delaware (part of the APPA advisors’ group) to Ann Marie Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant in Facilities Services. “I just wanted to send you a personal note of thanks for all your effort in making our visit last week seamless and successful! You didn’t just stop at scheduling meetings, but all the food, snacks, drinks, and AV set-ups were noticed and appreciated”!

“Thank you” from L. Song Richardson, President of Colorado College. She writes that Mike, Kris, Rich, Chris, and Justin from the “Events Team” came to my office this morning and insisted on packing everything, and in record time! Not only that, but they also dealt with my books I wanted to give away, and finally, took a lot of boxes of fragile items to 1210 Wood Avenue for me. CC is so very fortunate to have such incredible people here! THANK YOU, I appreciate you and will miss you so much!

“Kudos” from Brenda Soto, AVP of College Events to the Facilities Services Events Team in making commencement a wonderful success!



The “Spotlight” is On

Lori Scroggins, CC Childcare Center

22 years of Service

I am a native of Colorado Springs and I currently live in the house that I grew up in with my husband and 83-year-old mother. I went to Steele Elementary, North “Junior High”, and graduated from Palmer High School. I have been at CC since 2002 after my husband retired from the Army (Infantry, 21 years). I have been an Early Childhood Teacher since 1985. I started working at Colorado College after finding in the Gazette Newspaper an opening at the Children’s Center in the Toddler room. The Children’s Center was at what is now the Outdoor Rec Building. It looked so inviting, like a gingerbread house. As I walked in, I saw a beautiful toddler looking at me through the French doors, smiling at me. That child was Phil Apodaca’s youngest daughter, Halley. The Director at the time was Gayle Dougherty. The building was so charming and unusual for a children’s center. It is an old building with drawers built in, and a fireplace enhanced with Fleur de Lis on the chimney. I immediately fell in love and hoped I would get the job, even though my experience was mostly Preschool. I eventually moved to the younger preschool room and worked for a couple of years and finally moved to the older preschool room in the basement. I knew from the beginning when I started, that I thought I could retire here at Colorado College. I continued with the preschool class up until two months ago. I thought I would like to end my career in Early Childhood Education back where I started, in the Toddler room. So, the goal is to hopefully retire in four years in the Toddler 1 room. The best part of working with Toddlers is their eagerness and enthusiasm about EVERYTHING! Music is one my hobbies and Toddlers love to sing and be sung to. I have a song on about any subject, and if I do not have a song about something, I will make one up!! A typical day in the toddler room is lots and lots of play, dancing, singing, eating, and deescalating big feelings! There is never a dull moment in Early Childhood Education! Our center is now much bigger and located on the corner of Nevada Ave. and Cache La Poudre. Our beautiful blue cow, Annabelle, is peeking in the window greeting us every day! What I am most proud of is seeing children who have grown to adults and now are college-age. Some have attended or are attending CC now and some have graduated. It is wonderful to see these young adults whom I hope were influenced by the foundation that began so many years ago at the children’s center. It is wonderful to see former parents on campus and learn about where and what their children are doing now as well. The only regret is that the former children have no memory of their days at the children’s center. But I remember...



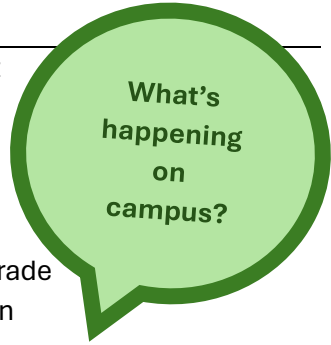
Thank you, Lori, for your
Service and Dedication to CC!





Facilities Services is ramping up to complete summer projects around campus, and some of the larger projects will be:

- FAC and El Pomar roof section replacement
- Spencer/Robson Restaurant Build Outs
- Palmer HVAC Improvement
- Stewart House updates/remodel
- Honnen Living Roof
- Building Automation Systems Controls Upgrade
- Loomis Interior Paint/Elevator Modernization
- Signage and Wayfinding Updates



The Finance Office will be focused on fiscal “year-end” tasks in June, July, and August.

Reminder: Don't forget to complete the online parking registration process, which opens on June 10th at 8 a.m.

Check-out the exciting [courses](#) available to students this summer!

Don't miss out on attending the CC [Music Festival Concerts](#) this summer!

FAMILY “PICNIC” AT CHILDCARE CENTER



Coming Soon.... Academic Year 2024-25

New Student Orientation (NSO) will begin the week of August 19-[calendar](#) will be updated soon!

Block 1 of Fall Semester will begin August 26, 2024