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Message to CAM Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

The first month of classes has passed—with many milestones and successes. These are only a few examples:

- 1) Chancellors Horrell, Elliman and Provost Nairn hosted a special luncheon to honor faculty who have received promotions and/or permanent appointments. CAM had 3 honorees:
 - a) Erin Hackel—promotion to Associate Professor and a permanent appointment
 - b) Dane Webster—granted a permanent appointment
 - c) Stan Soocher—promotion to full professor

Stan joins Joanne Brennan, Rian Kerrane, Gregory Walker and Carol Golemboski at the highest rank of faculty in CAM. Congratulations to all 3 of our colleagues.

- 2) Laurie Baefsky, Associate Dean for Research, Collaboration and Innovation, is meeting with faculty, senior leadership, speaking to classes, presenting nationally and in the community, and building the research and creative portfolio of CAM. Thank you for helping her to settle in—and drive up research and creative work.
- 3) Dane Webster is moving ahead with leading the academic and student affairs sides of CAM operations and infrastructure. You will be hearing from him soon and learning more about advances that will benefit CAM students and faculty.
- 4) A faculty committee has met and selected speakers for a CAM 20th Anniversary Lecture Series. News on that will be coming out soon from Haleigh Shipley.
- 5) Gerald Klickstein will be visiting CAM on 10/18, 2-4pm. He will be leading a design thinking workshop for CAM students. It will be about *how CAM students in every discipline can apply it to create arts experiences and products for diverse audiences*. Cameron Kantner will provide additional information. Please encourage student attendance and participation.

Last week, I walked from the Arts Bldg. over to the Auraria Library and ran into a CAM student who is benefitting from participation in the Student Agency. This student has acute financial challenges—and the Student Agency is going to help her continue her studies. Then on the way back, I ran into Storm Gloor, who introduced me to a recent CAM grad who has just been hired by AEG in Los Angeles. Two success stories within 5 minutes—and we know that there are so many more.

Many thanks for all that you do!



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