



College of Arts & Media

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Dean's Message for CAM faculty & staff

Dear Colleagues,

- Vice-Chancellor Jennifer Sobanet sent out a communication about a facility safety issue that has arisen in one building on the Auraria Campus. AHEC and MSU Denver are conducting environmental testing in the West Classroom building. The CAM leadership team is in close contact with CU's central administration—and are working on assuring that the safety and well-being of all students, faculty, and staff is our top priority. Let me make another commitment—and that is to share information as it comes to our offices. Let's all resist the temptations to conjecture—or to pass along hearsay or rumors. Thank you!
- The CAM Chairs, Deans, and Dave Walter [had lunch Wednesday, with the new Principal of the Denver School of the Arts \(DSA\), Mr. Anthony McWright](#). We have enjoyed a strong relationship with DSA faculty, students and parents. We will continue working toward advancing that relationship into one that brings more talented students into CAM. Mr. McWright has a background as a professional musician, an educator, and period of time in the corporate world, and has been a Principal at another DPS School.
- Another visitor to CAM this week is Dr. George Hess, Associate Professor of Music at [Sunway University in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia](#). He is a former colleague of Scott Burgess and prior to teaching at Sunway was at Singapore's National Conservatory. CU Denver has an MOU in progress, with Sunway University.

Excitement is building for the [Faculty and Staff Meeting and Town Hall](#)—both on Wednesday, August 14th at Catalyst HTI in RiNo. The morning Faculty and Staff meeting will provide college and semester updates, special guests from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM), and selected students who traveled abroad to study this summer.

Curated by, Laurie Baefsky, *Our Transforming Our Community Through Research and Creative Activity Town Hall* is themed around the Chancellor's call for engaged scholarship and is part of a larger series of town halls in partnership with NASEM with research universities around the nation in response to a consensus report NASEM issued in 2018. This report, [Branches from the Same Tree](#), examined the evidence behind the assertion that educational programs that mutually integrate learning experiences in the humanities and arts with science, technology engineering, math, and medicine lead to improved educational and career outcomes for undergraduate and graduate students. Your attendance is strongly encouraged by the CAM Deans and Chairs.

Onward,

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Larry".

Laurence Kaptain, DMA & FRSA
Dean