



College of Arts & Media

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To: Parents and Incoming Students of the Class of '23, at the College of Arts & Media (CAM) at CU Denver

Welcome to new students and those who may be joining CU Denver from another institution!

- 1) Two of the most important indicators for college success, are: a) Socialization—students who join and participate, experience a higher level of academic success. And, b) make sure that your professors know you (or your sons and daughters). Data shows, that is very important.
- 2) Please let me reaffirm that career readiness, entrepreneurship, internships and externships are important elements for any student entering into the creative industries. Amy Foss is a full-time academic and career advisor, who is available to help assure that CAM students are future-ready. Amy.Foss@ucdenver.edu
- 3) Now is a good time to consider, and perhaps plan, for participation in Study Abroad. The College of Arts & Media has had many exceptional Study Abroad programs for 2-3 weeks duration. This coming year there are fine arts programs in Europe (Denmark and Florence), a recording arts program in Prague, and a music program in Cuba. A semester abroad possibility is in the conceptual or talking stage—and would likely involve more of a generalized approach to the creative industries—rather than the major-specific specialized and shorter study abroad programs that have been in place. If semester abroad programs are approved, they could be in the Fall of '21 or Spring of '22.

This promises to be an exciting academic and creative year for the students and faculty of CAM. Please check out my [Dean's blog](#) and the [website of CAM](#).

Please reach out to any of us for any questions or concerns you might have:

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Onward!

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