



# College of Arts & Media

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **DENVER**

Dean's Message posted on October 5, 2020

To: All CAM Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings as we end week number seven of the Fall Semester!

Thanks to everyone who has put safety first and conducted teaching, learning, research, creative work, and university citizenship during this challenging time. Here are some news items:

- 1) The EDI (equity, diversity, and inclusion) Task Force has started their important work. We look forward to learning more, in the coming weeks about their plans.
- 2) The new [Capital Heights Residence Hall](#) construction is moving along quickly—and Fall '21 occupancy is anticipated. I have asked Laurie Baefsky, Dave Walter, and Keli Rapplean to do some preliminary work in ascertaining the viability of a CAM Living and Learning (or, perhaps Living and Creating) Community in this new space. My initial charge includes working with faculty to launch a plan that is attractive to prospective students and parents, assures breadth across CAM's disciplines, addresses the SNAAP Alumni Survey concerns about transferable skills, and:
  - Cultivates cross-disciplinary, cross-department, cross-college creative exchange.
  - Creates new social and academic networking opportunities for students.
  - Fosters culture of community, collaboration, and diversity.
- 3) CAM had a very successful College Night Presentation for Denver School the Arts on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Over 70 DSA parents and students attended as did most of their academic counselors. Thanks to Dave Walter, Kelli Rapplean, the Chairs, a large group of faculty and a stellar student panel that placed CAM in the best possible light.
- 4) Please note the extensive and [favorable coverage CAM is receiving](#) from University Communications. CAM marketing and communication works closely with our faculty and departments to make story pitches about faculty, students, and alum achievement. The team work shows in the amount accepted stories— we have never had such detailed stories emanating from CAM, through UComm's various channels. Also, be sure to check your campus email for the October 1<sup>st</sup> email sharing CAM stories, achievement, and happenings.

Onward!

**Larry**

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