



College of Arts & Media

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A message to all CAM Faculty and Staff

Colleagues,

A robust return to campus this fall is starting to feel “real” as we’re all working very hard to ensure a successful return for CAM’s outstanding returning students and to welcome our incoming Class of ’25. Last year our community embraced the ambiguities and uncertainties presented by a global pandemic—we made great art, created with a positive spirit, conducted research that is relevant, and nurtured creativity in our students as “agents of the artistic, creative, and scholarly experience.” We are preparing students who are equipped to face the world with the flexibility, vision, social empathy, enterprise, and entrepreneurial thinking and action that they will need to adapt to and thrive within new economic parameters.

There are two more things to share:

- 1) The need to [cap off the endowment](#) for the LYNX Camps Scholarships is just days away. Please consider that 88 full-time CAM students came out of the LYNX Camps, and any donation is an investment in CAM’s future. Thank you for considering.
- 2) There is a saying that “you never have a second chance to make a first impression.” It is so important for CAM to assure that our incoming students (and the LLCC floor), feel that they are being supported fully. Likewise, our returning students need and deserve the very best support. As such, it has been deemed a priority to support an assistant dean position that will advance student success, promote EDI within CAM, diversify our roster of CAM Deans, perform the assessment functions at a high level, and assure that the 2020 Student Survey and 2016 SNAAP survey results are addressed. This is an invitation to attend an Open Forum on Zoom, at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 29th to interact with and hear more from an exceptional candidate for this essential leadership role. (<https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/5500013374>)

The preferred candidate has recently been vetted by a committee of faculty, staff, and students. The candidate has a Ph.D. in Education Foundations, Policy and Practice and a M.Ed. in Counseling and Career Development. This is exactly what we need to continue advancing student success.

Onward!

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

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Dean