



College of Arts & Media

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

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Dear CAM Community,

On behalf of the selection committee and the College of Arts & Media, I am pleased to announce the recipients of the Dean’s Innovation Award for Collaborative Research, and Creative and Scholarly Work.

After careful review and consideration of 12 team projects, five projects were selected to receive a total of \$5,000 granted in award funding. These teams span the departments of Film & Television, Music & Entertainment Industry Studies, and Visual Arts. Each team and project embodies the creative and collaborative spirit that CAM values—and reflects the present and future of the creative industries—collaborating and working across several disciplines.

Congratulations to the following teams and their faculty mentors:

| AWARD AMOUNT | PROJECT TITLE | TEAM LEADERS | FACULTY MENTOR |
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| \$2,000 | Space Whales | Eric Rogers & Annie McClement | Michelle Carpenter (VA) |
| \$1,000 | Lynx Creative Collective | Jacob Garland & Erin Chang | Travis Vermilye (VA) |
| \$750 | Bryar County | Caitlin Bassolino & Anthony Battaglia | Jessica McGaugh (FiTV) |
| \$750 | The Remedy of Dr.Salubrious | Bonnie Clarise Utter & Rachel Davis | Andrew Bateman (FiTV) |
| \$500 | Checkbox: Other | Madison Santamaria & Cassandra LeFevre | Jessica McGaugh (FiTV) |

These award recipients will work with their teams over the course of the academic year and present their creative and scholarly work in conjunction with CU Denver’s Research and Creative Activities Symposium. Furthermore, the top two winning teams will receive an additional \$500 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Recognition Prize.

Special thanks and appreciation is extended to the Dean’s Innovation Award review panel: students Nicky Wolf (Film & Television), Teirianna Ibarra (MEIS), and Allison Anderson (Visual Arts), alumnus Brandon Vargas (Visual Arts), alumnus Mitch Dickman (Film & Television) and alumna Sharifa Moore (Visual Arts), and University staff member Erin Golden from the Office of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activates. Special recognition and gratitude is bestowed to Laurie Baefsky, Associate Dean of Research & Strategic Partnerships for her dedication to championing this award program and elevating student-led research and creative work at CAM.

This is a highly competitive award and all applicants should be proud of their commitment to interdisciplinary research and creative endeavors. The selection committee received applications from 12 teams encompassing close to 100 student participants. On behalf of the entire CAM community, we congratulate the winning teams on this achievement and encourage all CAM students to continue to innovate!

Onward!

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