



Black/African American Cultural Center

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Welcome Back BBQ

By: Aleya Jones

The annual barbeque at Rolland Moore Park, hosted by the Black African American Cultural Center on August 28th, was an extreme success. From the new eager faces, to all of the returning students; everyone came together, rain or shine, to celebrate the beginning of another year. The sweet aroma of Mrs. Bridgette's cooking filled the air as sounds of laughter, mingling and music surrounded everyone there.

This year's event was filled with such positive energy, from enjoying hot dogs and hamburgers together, to getting a chance to meet new students and interact with old friends.

Thanks to the talented DJ, all of the attendees had the opportunity to show off their moves on the dance floor, through salsa dancing, the wobble and an epic dance battle between a returning student and an incoming freshman. Definitely a barbeque that no one wanted to miss out on.

The barbeque was extremely resourceful in introducing students to various organizations on campus through the resource fair that was also included at this event.

The Presidents and leaders of these programs were willing and ready to inform students of what exciting events this office and institution puts on. Such a great opportunity to network and begin getting involved!

Overall, this year's barbeque was a great way to welcome everyone. The friendly environment that dispersed through each attendee there, the amazing food, lively music, and resource fair, all contributed to a great start to, yet another year at CSU.

The Rocky Mountain Showdown

By: Adrian Jones

This year's Rocky Mountain Showdown ended in defeat for the CU Buffs as the CSU Rams took the victory with the results ending in a score of 31-17. The Rocky Mountain Showdown is a tradition that has been going on between Colorado State University and University of Colorado – Boulder for over 120 years. Students, family, faculty, staff, the Fort Collins community, and Ram fans roared and cheered at Mile High Sports Authority Stadium in Downtown Denver as the Football team took the game for the win. The CU Buffs took over the first quarter leaving Ram fans angry and anxious for us to win the game. They trailed 10-0 up until about the midway through the 2nd quarter when we finally scored a touchdown. After half time, our Rams got their heads in the game and started to show those Buffs just how stalwart we can be. Touchdown after touchdown, the rams kept giving the buffs a run for their money. CSU's Treyous Jarrells finished with 121 yards, giving the Rams two 100-yard running backs in a game for the first time since 1996. It was clear that the winners of the Rose bowl were ready to display what they had in store for the year. A first win of the season left Ram fans with joy in their hearts and lots of gloat talk for CU fans. Although the record between games won and lost still stand with CU having more wins, the Rams are continuing to make a name for them and close the gap of wins between the two teams. The game was a great time for everyone to enjoy and Ram fans sang proudly in their hearts, "I'm proud to be a CSU Ram!"

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Introduction of Office Staff



Name: Adrian Jones
Year: Junior
Interesting Fact: I love to get lost in my music



Name: Alexandria Norris
Year: Senior
Interesting Fact: I love to travel to new places and try new things.



Name: Avion Locke
Year: Sophomore
Interesting Fact: I can read up to 3 or 4 Urban fiction books in a day if time allows me to!



Name: Jordan Rose-Williams
Year: Sophomore
Interesting Fact: I love to sing.



Name: Stephau Gaddis
Year: Junior
Interesting Fact: I'm so fast, I can turn off the lights and be in the bed before it's dark.



Name: Chynna Fayne
Year: Sophomore
Interesting Fact: I love to laugh!



Name: Dawnae Dent
Year: Sophomore
Interesting Fact: I am a daughter of a breast cancer survivor!



Name: Joei Robertson
Year: Sophomore
Interesting Fact: Public Speaking is my greatest fear but I am learning to overcome it!



Name: Aleya Jones
Year: Sophomore
Interesting Fact: The second time I went skiing, I ran into an elderly lady and knocked her unconscious...I'm never skiing again.



Name: Maya Lovelace
Year: Senior
Interesting Fact: I can make Minute Rice in 58 seconds.



Name: Torshan Thomas
Year: Senior
Interesting Fact: I'm afraid of lady bugs.



Name: Shanta Chambers
Year: Senior
Interesting Fact: I love collecting every color of nail polish, even if mine aren't always painted. I also love painting other peoples nails.



Name: Yohana Tuquabo
Year: Junior
Interesting Fact: I have visited 3 countries in Africa: Eritrea, Egypt and Yemen!



Name: Khalil Perkins
Year: Sophomore
Interesting Fact: I have seven brothers and one sister. I'm Black and Korean.

The Rite Choice

By: Zelle Moore

You walk on a bus full of other people that are alike to the standard perception but different in personal identification. There is only a selected few who you know, so you make a mission sit by them. You sit. When the bus starts moving you notice those who are speaking to the people around them, laughing, and some who are silently listening to their music. You may fall asleep on the road or you may not but when the bus of 30 something or more people pull up to the cabin in Estes Park, you feel excited and ready for the weekend so many upper-classmen told you to be a part of.



Group Picture from the Retreat

I attended the Rites of Passage retreat on September 19, through the 21, and recall feeling the distant excitement I explained before. Everything that happened that weekend was, honestly, all unexpected. Granted, I didn't know what to expect. I went on this retreat solely because there were going to be several Black students attending; opposed to when I'm in a classroom where I am the minority. And, my roommate was going. Although, I apparently enjoy being around those of my race, I couldn't help but think that something may go haywire and become a catastrophe. I couldn't have been more naïve an

Upon arrival, my fellow peers and I were scheduled with nothing but fun and activity for the entire weekend. The first day was a bit low key. We played games, talked amongst each other, and as the day resided into night, we participated in passionate conversations that left most, if not all, speechless. Day two, we were able to choose one of five activities, which followed with a group picture. The last day we partook in an exercise so deep and influential that we all, the freshman, did nothing but sit and ponder even after it had ended.

Never in my life would I have experienced what I did, anywhere else. Over the course of the retreat, I have made relationships with people I am still talking to. I learned more about my culture and the variety of identities within my culture, thanks to my peers. Each of the mentors, especially Mrs. Bridgette and Mr. Duan, provided an affable environment and a sense of belonging no matter how light, or dark, we were. I personally feel like I have somewhere I can always go, now. A community. I don't know if I would have realized with this journey, I doubt it, but the Rites of Passage retreat empowered me in a way that I can't explain. And since, I cannot enlighten on the feeling, I advised anyone to get involved with the B/AACC office, and try to find an opportunity to experience it for themselves.



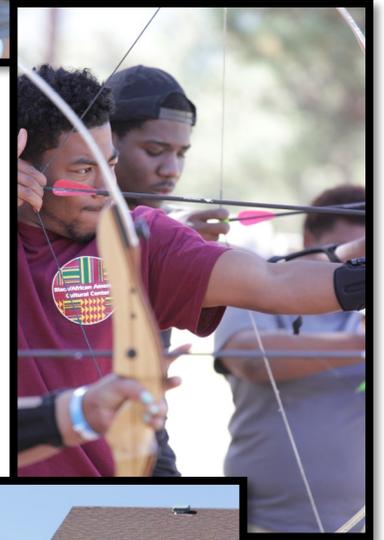
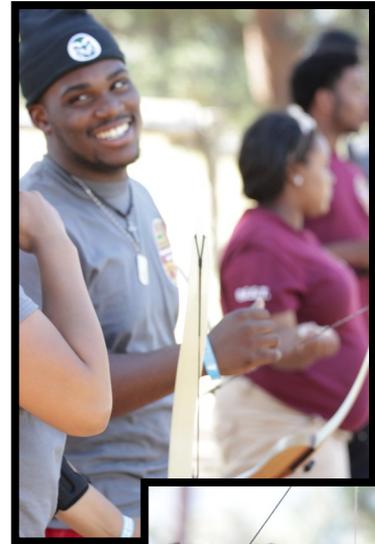
A few students enjoying their time at the R.O.P. Retreat (2014)

The Rites of Passage Retreat

By: Stephoun Gaddis

The B/AACC Rites of Passage Retreat always puts an emphasis on fun food and bonding! This year we took this annual event to the next step with a new location and a new look on connecting freshman to campus! This

year we had a 3 day retreat at the YMCA at Estes Park. We truly hit the ground running once we stepped off the buses and each day got a little bit more impactful. Starting off Friday night with introductions, taco night, and many many games following. Saturday consisted of early morning breakfast like always following an ice breaker and an informational presentation of all the organizations on campus. Students got to learn about each organization like The United Men and Women of Color organizations, Africans United, GPS, Real Talk events, and many other events that the B/AACC office serves as an umbrella for. Following lunch, it was time for some real fun. We split the group up and had everyone go to their assigned activities. Groups went to craft making, zip lining, horseback riding, and put put mini golf. By then you would think everyone would be exhausted and ready for sleep, but that wasn't the plan. We followed the activities with many



Tailgating Party



Mr. Duan Ruff and Anthony Kim enjoying their time at the Tailgate Party.



The tailgating BBQ was one to remember. For CSU's first football games all of the SDPS Offices came together for a cookout, and boy was it fun! We enjoyed some good food, music, and even danced quite a bit. One part during the BBQ the song Wobble came on by Young Vic and Mrs. Bridgette could not stop moving! It was an extremely fun get together between the offices, some of the guys and girls also got together to toss around the football. I think we seen some future football players out there! It was a great experience between all of the offices and definitely there should be more to come! I was surprised to see how many freshman came to support, I thought it was pretty amazing the turn out for each individual office.. Although this tailgate occurred early in the year, it seemed as if a lot of the freshman that attended the tailgate were comfortable and well established with one another. It's great to have such a good sense of the community early on in the year. The tailgate was an overall success!

SEPTEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School	2 Real Talk @ 4	3	4	5	6 GPS
7	8	9 Real Talk @ 4	10	11 All Freshman Meeting	12 Homecoming Pageant Application Due	13 Tailgate Party 10:30-12:30
14	15	16 Real Talk @ 4	17	18	19 R.O.P. Retreat	20 R.O.P. Retreat
21 R.O.P. Retreat	22	23 Real Talk @ 4	24	25	26	27
28	29 Move into LSC Week	30 Real Talk Cancelled				

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