STARTING OFF THE YEAR THE RIGHT WAY

- WELCOMING STUDENTS WITH FREE FOOD FEATURING DJ NUNEZ
- CSU GATHERED THE UNIVERSITY FOR A SCHOOL WIDE EVENT
- UNC, POPSICLES, AND ROPE JUMPING
- RECEIVING RESOURCES AND FREE ICE CREAM
Another academic year is upon us. I am excited to see what this year holds...I am sure lifelong memories. Already this semester I have met so many students who are challenging the status quo, sharing bright ideas, and engaging in critical dialogue to make their college experience more well-rounded!

We, as a people, have been faced with so many adversities over the last couple of years, and I hope we can stand together and face those as a united front. We may not all agree all the time, but I believe respect, listening to understand and educating ourselves on the complexities of life is definitely a start in the right direction. Things that may look so obvious may not be so obvious!

Our office is not perfect and neither are we who work here, but we are here ready and willing to make a difference and be the change we want to see. I welcome you to join us or even challenge us, if you have not done so already! Another academic year whether it is your 1st or last, we are here together let’s make it a record awarding one!

Bridgette Johnson
M.B
“The only way to deal with an unfree world is to become so absolutely free that your very existence is an act of rebellion.” - Albert Camus

“Fear has two meanings: ‘Forget Everything And Run’ or ‘Face Everything And Rise’ - Zig Ziglar

“In a world where you can be anything, be yourself!” - Etta Turner

“If you can’t fly then run, if you can’t run then walk, if you can’t walk then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward.” - Martin Luther King Jr.

“I have a birth mark shaped like a burrito, or a bandaid depending on how you look at it.”

“You’ll find that life is still worthwhile, if you just smile.” - Charlie Chaplin

“Don’t quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion” - Mohammed Ali

“Hoping to escape suffering, it is to suffering that they run. In the desire for happiness, out of delusion, they destroy their own happiness, like an enemy.” - Santideva
PEER MENTOR
3rd year
Economics & Sociology
“Promote what you love instead of bashing what you hate.” - Unknown

PEER MENTOR
3rd year
Health and Exercise Science & Applied Computing Technology
“Happiness is a choice”. - Valerie Bertinelli

PEER MENTOR / INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY ASSISTANT
2nd year
Nutrition and Food Science, Dietetics Concentration
“Dipped in chocolate, bronzed in elegance, enamelled with grace, toasted with beauty. My Lord, she’s a black woman”. - Yosef A.A. Ben-Jochannan

PEER MENTOR
2nd year
Psychology
“It’s not who you are that holds you back, it’s what you think you are not”. - Denis Waitley

INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY ASSISTANT
2nd year
Ethnic Studies
“Don’t burn yourself keeping others warm”. - Unknown

PEER COORDINATOR
2nd year
Chemistry
“I love to solve Sudoku puzzles.”

GRIOT EDITOR
2nd year
Apparel and Merchandising
“Sometimes God pushes us to our limits. It’s because he has greater faith in us than we have in ourselves”. - Unknown

PEER COORDINATOR
2nd year
Communications
“Real G’s move in silence like lasagna” - Lil Wayne
**B.E.S.T**
B/AACC EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TEAM

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The Welcome B/AACC BBQ was a fantastic time filled with good food, laughter, old friends and new faces. Despite the recent weather of cloudy days and drizzling rain, we still managed to have an amazing time once the sun came out! Not only did we enjoy juicy burgers and the famous beans from our Director Mrs. Bridgette, but we enjoyed the strolls performed by the beautiful members of the Delta Xi Nu Multicultural Sorority, Inc. and the energetic members of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. While some attendees engaged in activities such as volleyball and football, others watched or participated in dance offs. First year students were able to meet and mingle with others while former students were reunited with each other. African American and Black culture was expressed through the students associated with Black Student Alliance, Africans United and United Women of Color, who proudly wore their shirts in support of their respected organizations. The members of United Men of Color gave a shout out with the well-known call and response, “UMC” “We All We Got!” Our Assistant Director, Duan, displayed his heritage by wearing a Kenyan Dashiki. Regardless of what you wore, did or ate, we all hope you had an enjoyable time! We wish you all, students, faculty and staff the best of luck this academic year.
This year, Ram Fest was headlined by The Head and the Heart, which is an Indie Folk Band from Seattle, Washington and our two opening acts were performed by R City and Colman Hell. The event was held on the intramural fields, right outside the Rec Center and as soon as the doors opened, people rushed to the stage to be front and center. Students as well as community members, staff, family members and young children enjoyed the music and the food provided by local food truck companies. As an Event Programmer for Ram Events, I saw everything from a different point of view. Being backstage, I was able to see how much fun everyone was having which made the hard work pay off and it was especially great to see the concert so close up! The concert overall was a huge success thanks to our many volunteers who came and helped us on the day of the event, and the previous days which made setting up a lot easier and quicker. Ram Events is an event programming board by the students, for the students here at Colorado State. Ram Fest can be multiple different events, but for the past few years it has been a series of concerts. The main reason for Ram Fest is to bring the CSU community together. This is an opportunity to meet new people from and around campus and create new relationships. It allows students to have fun at a concert that is close and at a lower cost and the best thing is that we were able to get a very popular group to perform, as they were sold out at Red Rocks the following Sunday. Overall, the concert was a success and I was very grateful to be a part of such an amazing opportunity! 

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United Women of Color is an organization at Colorado State University, that is meant to serve underrepresented women of color, but welcomes all women. We, as UWC, push to be a voice for all of the phenomenal women on campus that may feel silenced and unheard on a daily basis by maintaining a space that encourages dialogue and open discussions. Our organization focuses on giving space for a woman to truly express who she is and know that she will be supported and empowered through that process. We also plan events to educate others on campus and the surrounding community, as well as engaging in bonding activities and events among fellow members. At the beginning of each semester, we host an open house event to welcome students back to campus and inform them of who UWC is, and our purpose. This years’ open house took place on August 30th on the plaza as a Popsicle Social with music, dancing, games, double Dutch, and of course popsicles! The atmosphere was filled with good vibes, positivity, and fun as those in attendance gathered in the community to have a good time.

All in all, the Popsicle Social was a very successful opening event as we gained the interest of some new and amazing women on campus. United Women of Color will host weekly meetings every Tuesday from 5:15-6:15pm. This semester is looking to be a bright and bold one filled with new adventures, experiences, connections, and yet another opportunity to be phenomenal.
The Black/African American Cultural Center brought in a new energy for the first day of September with the eventful Ice Cream Social. Most of the campus’ resource centers were present and excited at the opportunity to meet new students and build relationships. The space was illuminated by the smiles of all those present. People from all walks of life, some of whom had never been to the B/AACC office, were mingling and learning to enjoy the presence of those who they just met. The Ice Cream social was not only a Student Resource Fair but, also many of the tables were occupied by the student organizations that run out of the B/AACC office. Students were able to become acquainted with one another and come together because of the appreciation of values and not simply because of their common choice in academic institutions. From Colors, which examines the complex and vibrant interplay of gender, sexuality, race, and identity to Africans United which works to develop a unique community of African cultures and backgrounds; curious students were given a space to explore interests, that may not be academic in nature, but may be core to their very sense of being. The Ice Cream Social was special because it distilled potently the few ingredients necessary for a strong community: opportunity, vulnerability, a common goal, and just a little bit of sugar.

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