

November 2020 Newsletter



Westminster Satellite Office Info

The Westminster Satellite Office remains closed to the public till further notice. We are still available to assist you via email and phone.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112565836087807>



Colorado Early Colleges Westminster College Direct

HAPPY NOVEMBER!

With the weather turning cooler and Thanksgiving Break just a few short weeks away, the CECFC Westminster Advising Team wants to take a moment to recognize our students and families for your hard work and perseverance in this unprecedented school year. We know it has been rough at times and we are so proud of the way you have risen to meet the challenges!

We hope Thanksgiving Break will be a time of rest, relaxation, and reflection as you begin to get ready for finals in December.

There is so much to be thankful for and the CECFC Westminster Team is thankful for YOU!





CECFC wants YOU in the Yearbook!



This is a unique school year, and the yearbook team hopes to put together a unique book that captures all the interesting and fun things still happening for our CECFC students whether they are on campus, remote or College Direct! The goal is to document the school year as it happened, from how traditional courses and clubs handled things remotely to the all the uniquely pandemic-related activities we found ourselves participating in!

Please help the yearbook team create a yearbook as unique as this year itself!

[CLICK HERE for the CECFC Yearbook website](#)

You can send in photos to be included in the yearbook by emailing the yearbook staff directly at **fchs.yearbook@coloradoearlycolleges.org** or by using your CECFC student email (firstname.lastname@cecstudents.org) to log in and fill out the **[Yearbook Photo Submission form](#)**

**We promise this year's yearbook is one you won't want to miss!
Order yours by November 6th for the lowest price!**



<https://www.jostens.com/yearbooks/students-and-parents/about-yearbooks>



Choice Enrollment opens November 2, 2020!

Do you have siblings or friends who might like to join the CECFC family in the 2021-2022 School Year? The Choice Enrollment window for new students is now open!

[CLICK HERE for more info and links to the 2021-2022 Enrollment Application](#)

Refer-A-Friend



Refer-A-Friend for the 2021-2022 school year and you could be eligible for a \$100 gift card. The Refer-A-Friend form will be available starting Nov 2, 2020. For more information, **[CLICK HERE](#)**

Endorsed Diploma - Enrollment is now open through November 15th!

Are you considering enrolling in the Endorsed Diploma program?

Graduating with an Endorsed Diploma distinguishes a student as being a motivated learner and a productive citizen. Post-secondary institutions are showing increasing interest in students' ability to succeed academically as well as civically. Having an Endorsed Diploma allows students to show college readiness and 21st century skills which may make them more appealing to selective colleges, specialized training programs, and potential employers!

To learn more about the Endorsed Diploma program, view a powerpoint presentation, or to access the enrollment form, please [**CLICK HERE**](#).

You are encouraged to direct all Endorsed Diploma questions to Emily Gray:

Emily.Gray@coloradoearlycolleges.org

Textbook & Laptop Reimbursement

The deadline for submitting laptop and/or textbook reimbursement requests for the Fall 2020 semester is **November 13, 2020**.

Please see details on the reimbursement policy on our

[Reimbursement Webpage](#)

All reimbursement requests will be reviewed for eligibility.

Checks will be mailed to eligible students beginning December 14, 2020.

Basic instructions for using the online form:

1. Go to office.com in your web browser
2. If an account opens, verify it is the CEC student account: [**firstname.lastname@cecstudents.org**](mailto:firstname.lastname@cecstudents.org)
3. If the open account is not a CEC student account, log out of that account and log into your CEC student account.
4. After verifying that your CEC student email account is active, click on the link below to open the form:

[2020 Textbook and/or Laptop Reimbursement Request Form](#)



Student Support is available!

Tech Support – If you are running into issues with Microsoft Teams or Infinite Campus, Please send a detailed description of the issue to support@coloradoearlycolleges.org.

- Online Support Page – There is a webpage which includes information and a video for families on how to use Microsoft Teams, which can be [found HERE](#).

Did You Know You Have a CEC Student Email?

The CEC student email is becoming more and more important - you will need to use it to submit **textbook reimbursements** and for other CEC forms and communication. If you are not already familiar with your CEC Student Email, please follow the directions [HERE](#).

If you require CEC tech support, please email:

support@coloradoearlycolleges.org

2020-2021 Graduates



Make sure you are paying attention to dates and deadlines on the CECFC Graduation page. Upcoming deadlines include:

December 2nd - order your cap & gown by this date to get the group discount on your Josten's order

January 15th - Senior Portraits and Quotes are due - Be sure to submit your photo through the link so it will be included in the Graduation Slideshow!

[Click here to see more information on the Grad Page](#)

[2020-2021 FAFSA Link is OPEN! Click Here](#)

The federal financial aid application, FAFSA, opened October 1st. **If you are a graduating student who plans to continue education after graduating, fill it out ASAP!**

The FAFSA is used to help determine need-based aid for all colleges and universities in the US. The sooner you fill it out, the better!

Remember: you never need to pay to apply for financial aid or scholarships.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to **Emily.Park@coloradoearlycolleges.org**

Transcripts

With College Admissions season upon us, please remember that ***all transcript requests must be submitted through Parchment***. **Transcript requests take 5-10 days to process.**

For transcript information and to access Parchment, please use this link:

<https://fortcollins.coloradoearlycolleges.org/apps/pages/Transcripts>

From the PAWS Center

Just because we're all staying safer at home right now doesn't mean you need to miss an opportunity to connect with colleges!

• **[NACAC Virtual Fairs](#)** - November 8 - Connect with schools as close as University of Northern Colorado all the way to University of Auckland in New Zealand, and everywhere in between! Students can attend a variety of sessions covering all aspects of admissions and student life.

[CLICK HERE to Register](#)

• **[First Generation College Students at CSU](#)** - November 9 – 19th

What is a FirstGeneration student?

First Gen means you will be the first person in your family to go to college and that neither parent has completed a four-year college degree. If that sounds like you, then you are just like the 1 in 4 CSU Rams who are First Gen — and this series is for you! First Gen high school students, transfer students, and your families/guests, are invited to join CSU as they break down all things college-related. During the FirstGeneration Webinar Series, students and families have the opportunity to connect with support offices and resources from around campus, including admissions, financial aid, and more.

Contact **Emily Park** (**emily.park@coloradoearlycolleges.org**) for sign up links.

• **[CSU Loves NoCo](#)** - November 5th at 6:00pm - CSU loves NoCo, and they're excited to connect to show you just how much! Join CSU to learn about the opportunities, adventures, and impacts you'll have as part of the Ram family. They'll cover academics, student involvement, scholarships and financial aid, and a whole lot more. **[Register Here](#)**

Community College Information

If you are struggling in a class, *always check with your CEC advisor before you drop or withdraw.* Make sure you are familiar with your school's drop dates, withdrawal dates and options for student support.

It is important to take the time to consult with your advisor and consider how the decision will impact your educational goals and CEC requirements.

Spring Class Registration

Community College registration for Spring semester classes opens in November for Front Range, Red Rocks and Aims. Check your Community College website and calendars for course catalogs and registration dates.

Once you've registered for your classes, please remember to share a copy of your Spring schedule to your advisor!

Volunteer Opportunity with A Bright Spot

A Bright Spot is the Girl Scout Gold Award Project of a 2020 CECFC Westminster Graduate. The project aims to provide families in need with the supplies to give their child a birthday party! Volunteers will "adopt" a child and provide presents and party supplies for the family.

Please see the attached flyer and visit the website below for more information:



abrightspotproject.weebly.com



All CEC schools and offices will be closed for Thanksgiving Break
November 23rd - 27th. Stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy the time off!



A Bright Spot needs your help!

A Bright Spot provides birthday parties to children in need at BeyondHome. They are seeking volunteers to put together birthday party supplies.



Volunteers will “adopt” one or more birthday children and will donate the supplies for their birthday every year their family receives support from BeyondHome



Supplies needed for each birthday child include a cake, a present, a birthday card, and decorations



Supplies must be mailed to or dropped off at BeyondHome in Arvada

By participating in A Bright Spot, you are showing children that they are loved and cared for during a time when they may not feel valued!

**If you are interested in volunteering,
please visit A Bright Spot at:**

abrightspotproject.weebly.com

Thank you!