

COLORADO COLLEGE

Innovation 1
Letter of Affirmation
Collaborative for Community Engagement Database
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This year, one of the biggest innovations undertaken by the Collaborative for Community Engagement (CCE) is our community engagement database. As Director of the CCE, I can say that the CCE database project is a unique tool that allows us to expand, enhance, solidify, and reach our goals for community engagement at Colorado College. This interactive database will allow users to search and find a broad variety of engagement opportunities. It will also make information easily available about all of the community partners with whom CC is engaged, or have expressed interest in partnering with CC.

The database will organize and institutionalize the college's community engagement across multiple departments, provide a central log to track community service hours, and strengthen relationships with our community. The database will provide a platform to organize campus-wide engagement that is consistent and impactful as we log projects, goals, hours, and outcomes of our current efforts. It will also allow the CC community and our community partners to easily create new engagement opportunities, sign up and register for these opportunities, and provide all necessary and relevant information about the opportunity – all within the database structure itself.

This project is truly innovative because it is an effort to go beyond short-term community projects by building long-lasting collaborative relationships with our community for the future. At the CCE we strive to streamline community-based work, facilitate sustainable and equitable community partnerships, and move continually towards best practices. The CCE database is a tool to facilitate these goals and enhance the sustainability of our impacts.

Sincerely,

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