



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

January 27, 2015

ACADEMICS

<p>Academic and Learning Services - Rich Mestas</p>	<p><i>Update on Key Projects in the Academic and Learning Services Division:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progressing toward a competency based model for students. • Researching possible assessment tools to implement for next year (NWEA and STAR Assessments). These will be used as a measure of competency mastery so that we can create a more efficient academic experience tailored to their interests and learning styles. • Working on a customer service bank to provide students with real time academic services. <p><i>Growth initiatives:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UIP (Unified Improvement Plan) is guiding work on developing reading skills (with Reading Plus curriculum) and math skills (with Coordinated Math and Think Through Math curriculums) • Will be working with Regional Directors on executing a strategic plan reflecting UIP major strategies. <p><i>Celebrations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are outpacing last year's data sets in terms of engagement, passer rating, and core course completions.
<p>Core Content Areas</p>	<p>English: <u>Amanda Jacobs</u> -</p> <p><i>Total Number of Students Serviced by Team: (These numbers include all G-chats, grading, OW messages, and Fusion Tickets)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October - 2259 • November - 3879 • December - 4046 (Does not include student contact with Coordinators over break) <p><i>Average grade in all department classes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75.3% (With all zeros and blanks removed, GOAL students only) <p><i>New Opportunities for students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated Writing for students who have scored below a 52 on Accuplacer. A remedial writing class formed from various units from lower level OW classes. <p><i>Next 30 days:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue creating projects for "Seven Habits of Effective Teenagers" in order to bring it in line with English CCSS. Looking at having this ready to go for fourth quarter. • Create an introductory tutorial for students to teach them how to effectively use Write to Learn. • Will begin to create a writing class housed in Write to Learn <p><i>Celebrations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 316 course completions • Students are utilizing "Taking Notes" lesson From Rea Bacca: <i>I just want to</i>

say that your note taking lesson is actually helping in my other classes. So I just want to say thank you. Thank you have a nice day.

Math: Melissa Brown & Alan Van Norman -

Total Number of Students Serviced by Team:

- 2040

Average grade in all department classes:

- 78% (With all zeros and blanks removed, GOAL students only)

New Opportunities for students:

- Remedial options for students: Coordinated Math 1, 2, 3 and Think Through Math

Next 30 days:

- Continue reaching out to Director's to share current math engagement data.

Celebrations:

- 445 course completions

Science: Megan Turner -

Total Number of Students Serviced by Team:

- 1196

Average grade in all department classes:

- 76.8% (with all 0's and blanks removed)

New Opportunities for students:

- January GOAL Ventures
- Western Slope hands on science pilot

Next 30 days:

- Megan covering while Specialists are at PD, Ventures, and on PTO.
- Attempting to continue to plan elective opportunities in Science when/if grading volume slows down.

Celebrations:

- Amber attending FETC conference in Orlando
- 308 course completions processed including GOAL Ventures

Social Studies: Abigail Sebesta -

Please see the [Fall 2014 Data Summary](#) for detailed information.

Total Number of Students Serviced by Team: (Includes individual tutoring and assignment feedback)

- Oct: 2665
- Nov: 3321
- Dec.: 3200

Average grade in all department classes:

- Oct.: 80%
- Nov.: 79%
- Dec.: 79%

New Opportunities for students:

- Amy Torres is holding Social Studies Study Clubs every Wednesday afternoon at the Pueblo Regency Site.
- Ari Goldman is working on creating supplementary lessons for the more complex topics in our SS courses.

Next 30 days:

- We are working to set in place systems to be proactive in reaching out to our students including weekly emails and more reports to identify struggling students.
- Abigail Sebesta is moving to the Denver region and will begin building better relationships with the sites there.

Celebrations:

- We have posted only 3 D's to students transcripts so far this year. Last year, over 33% of grades posted were D's.
- As of 12/31/2014, students have earned over 370 course completions in their SS classes.

Electives: Desarae Romero-

Total Number of Students Serviced by Team:

- Course Completions: 1,321
- Contact/tutoring/grading: 5,483

Average grade in all department classes:

- N/A, as many classes are Pass/Incomplete and will not be posted until the end of the academic year

New Opportunities for students:

- Piano Marvel pilot underway. Click [HERE](#) for information about this pilot and to learn WHY music is key to helping improve our students math scores.
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Celebrations:

- As of January 2015, student have earned over 1,300 course completions in elective and foreign language classes
- Desarae and Lexi are attending classes at CSU in order to earn the EL teaching credential.
- Greeley Education Zone won the Winter Holiday trivia and will have breakfast prepared and served to them by the Elective Department.

Career & Technical Education: [Kristy Baumgartner](#)

Total Number of Students Serviced by Team:

- Course Completions: 1,432

Average grade in all department classes:

- Average Grade is currently 77%

New Opportunities for students:

- Construction Trades Class has begun at the Ranch with students from LaJunta High School and LEZ. We are looking to continue building strong partnerships within the community.

Next 30 days:

- VE135 Reporting Data in progress for D49
- Finalize the rollout of the Summer Institute at the Ranch
- Develop the CTE focus for the Zone Concentration opportunities

Celebrations:

- February is CTE Month!

F.A.S.T. Program: [Jamie Pollock-](#)

Updated data forthcoming for February board meeting.

Regional Directors

REGION	# Active Students	# of credits awarded last 30 days (15th through 15th)	Other important information to share. (Comments for Students, Staff, Parents) (Upcoming events) Etc.
Aryn Henneke <i>Ft. Morgan Greeley Longmont Loveland</i>	GOAL 378 RMDA 30	GOAL 156.5 <i>credits</i> RMDA 54.5 <i>credits</i>	New Greeley Ed Zone is open!!!Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting to be scheduled with the CHamber 23 Semester 1 graduates
Jeff Kwallek <i>Pueblo</i>	GOAL 774 RMDA 64	GOAL 319.5 credits RMDA 123.5 credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two more vehicles to be purchased for Pueblo Region. • New lighted <i>Education Zone</i> signage installed at Pueblo West, looks very good. Site upgrades at Pueblo West nearing completion.
Nathan Byford <i>Denver Aurora Lakewood Westminster Commerce City/Brighton</i>	GOAL 597 RMDA 13	230.5 credits	-Denver Region "Ethics" course with Colorado YouthConnect starts Jan 26th at all Denver Region zones -School Choice with PACE 1/27/2015 @ Aurora Ed Zone -Denver Regional Leadership Summit 1/28/2015 @ Lakewood Ed Zone -Denver Regional Huddle 1/30/2015 @ Aurora Ed Zone -School Choice "Day at the Capitol" 2/4/2015 All Zones welcome! -Most vehicles for Denver Region purchased, still looking at 1x regional vehicle to be purchased in next 2x weeks. -Transitioning Kristy Baumgartner from Aurora Ed Zone Director to CTE Director and awaiting interim zonedirector to be approved. -10 semester one grads
Ramon Arriaga <i>Colorado Springs</i>	GOAL 701 RMDA 72	271.5 Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ICCAP Pilot going good assigning current ICCAP's to coaches to start Regional theme - Waiting for approval for 2 vehicle purchases still looking for 1 more - 12 Grads in Sem 1

<i>Fountain</i>			- 2 Life Coaches posted at Citadel and 1 Life Coach at South Academy - interviews are being conducted
Steve Alvarado <i>Canon City Pagosa Cortez Alamosa La Junta Trinidad Lamar</i>	623	467	Two more vehicles to be purchased for region. 15 grad to date. one resignation in La Junta.
Kevin MacVittie <i>Craig Grand Junction</i>	GOAL - 284 RMDA - 50	118	<p>Vehicle purchases are complete for Western Region - minivan being transferred to Springs Region during the week of Jan 19 - Archie to deliver.</p> <p>Grant Proposal for 21st Century Community Schools submitted 1/20 for the support of the Craig site and resources to further support Moffat County. Grant to be awarded in March for implementation in July 2015.</p> <p>Still need to add SPED Coach/Case Manager in GJ. HR to add job posting at some point. Archie is working with HR on this item per SPED budget allowance and HR approval of position.</p> <p>8 students from Gunnison site to attend Diversity Conference at Cherry Creek High School at end of January. Working with Gunnison staff to implement volunteer program through Western State CO University to supplement tutoring opportunities for students in the community.</p> <p>Search for new site in GJ has begun. Lease ends in July. Searching for less expensive, larger, and central location. One location found. Performing initial research on feasibility. Search is ongoing.</p>

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Title 1 & Wraparound Services- Carolyn Gery	Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Academic Support Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title I project utilizing coaches as experts in Reading Plus is now it's first month of implementation - data will be collected on the desired outcome of increased reading scores • Title III: ACCESS testing is 88% completed with the goal of a 95% completion rate. • The ESS Department is working on a model to ensure expanded capacity to serve students who have an IEP as well as improving compliance. Social Emotional Support Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions are underway with CBR to explore networking opportunities to create a solid net of social/emotional supports state-wide. • ICAP Pilot is underway in Springs, a training was conducted earlier this month to train all ICAPs as well as coaches from Springs to read transcripts utilizing new training document
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<p>Experiential and Service Learning - Jay Zarr</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Winter "O" Jan. 5-9th. Completed and generated Social Science Credit for the participants. Spoken Word - Jan 24th Amazing project which was created and organized by a volunteer Cleo Corsi-Zarr Discovering Your Place- Feb. 25-28th to be held at the Ranch for 85 participants.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: Trips dates for 2015/16 and working with all sites- Communication methods. Permits with USFS and BLM currently working at the Regional offices to secure these for our activities. Storage of Gear-currently developing an area at the PW site should be completed by March 15th. Fund raising for the international trip in August.</p>
<p>ELL/Migrant- Brandon Darrow</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: ACCESS Administration Training (RMDA & GOAL) ACCESS Material Inventory, Distribution and Collection (RMDA & GOAL) ACCESS Testing Statewide (RMDA & GOAL) WIDA Statewide Training (RMDA & GOAL)</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None at this time.</p>
<p>SPED- Archie Neil</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: No report given.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None at this time.</p>
<p>GT/504/RTI- Mary Jo Bollinger</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: GT files to District 49 for the audit. Meeting with Carolyn to restructure GT for fall to encourage GT identification, revisit GT class.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: Nothing at this time.</p>
<p>Academic Advising- Anna Nava</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 15 CCE Semester- 161 students enrolled and registered • Compiling a list of eligible ASCENT students to participate in the. List due to CDE Feb 1. - 5 students recommended for ASCENT 2015 • 512 Graduates identified for 2015; ICAP team is adding new students as the students get closer to meeting grad requirements. • ICAP retreat complete and was successful, new policies introduced and rolled out; there were some issues at the Ranch, Carolyn and I will address with the ICAP team and Colorado Springs Coaches/ZDs that were in attendance. • ICAP Team training coaches to take on Intervention responsibilities: Truancy court appearance, Homeless interviews and forms, and Social Emotional and Basic needs identification and referrals. • ICAP to Coach Pilot in Colorado Springs- Will review progress of the pilot biweekly with Springs staff. Pilot end date June 30th, 2015.
<p>Over 21/Adult Services- Joe DeVita</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: We currently have 46 graduates. We have 73 ACTIVE students and we are calling 67 applicants to get information from each. We also have students calling daily to inquire about our program. Joe DeVita and Rachel Kaplan, Canon EZD, presented a two day retreat for all ICAPS and Colorado Springs coaches on Transcript work and new historical credit policies. Joe and Rachel are fine tuning the wording of GOAL ICAP policies, procedures and handbooks which hopefully will be ready for approval in a few weeks.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None at this time.</p>

Innovation- Dan Colussi	No report given.
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Compliance /Assessment- Karla Ash	Funding audit for 2012-13 - 106 students were questioned by the auditor. Documentation for all but 24 students has been located. This means funding for remaining students will need to be returned. AEC audit - Site coordinators completed a second review of AEC indicator documentation, this audit will be sent back to independent auditor for another review, prior to reapplying for AEC status with CDE PARCC testing - preparations are underway for this testing to begin on Feb. 23. This is the new test that replaces CSAP/TCAP.
Intervention & Assessment - Melissa Brown	No report given.
Quality Assurance, Improvement and Innovations - Jeff Kwallek	QAIT members are involved with the AdvancED Accreditation preparation activities and also supporting Level Up development. The <i>Bright Ideas and Suggestions</i> program has been renamed the <i>G.R.E.A.T. Ideas and Suggestions</i> program and will be promoted heavily during the next two months.

SUMMIT EDUCATION GROUP

Finance -	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Backpack budget reveal to Goal employees-1/16/15 Sage conversion approximately 90% complete. Goal W-2's and year end reporting in the works. Due by end of Jan. 2015</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: Continue to work on streamlining various processes throughout the finance department, as well as continued training and implementation of new software capabilities in the coming months.</p>
Growth & Expansion -	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Possible opportunity for expansion/partnership with Sheridan, who may be dropping the AEC designation for their Alternative School. Working on setting up a meeting in next 2 weeks with Superintendent and Nate.</p> <p>Legislature is in session. No bills regarding online learning yet, but I expect some. Assessment and funding will be the two biggest education issues this session.</p> <p>LMS/SIS exploration (ongoing)</p> <p>Working with Kristy B to explore CTE partnerships in Adams county. ACEC and ACED have a robust relationship with districts, FRCC and manufacturers for students interested in going</p>

	<p>into advanced manufacturing, including welding and basic NAMI certificate.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>
Professional Development -	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Advanced Ed Accreditation (4-15) Level Up (ongoing) BackPack Budgeting Training Roll Out (1-16-15) ELL Access Training Roll Out (completed on 1-9-15) Public School Works compliancy training and contract renewal (1-31-15) The Children's Guild - Baltimore Maryland (1-16-15) LMS/SIS exploration (ongoing)</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>
Grants & Community Partnerships -	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Western Slope: January 21st- 21st Century Community Learning Center grant submitted in support of services for Craig students. If selected, program will be funded for five (5) years. Anticipated funding will range between \$100,000- \$150,000.00 annually.</p> <p>Grant writing proposal has fostered more formalized partnership with local Community College, school board, district administration, and community based organizations. The high level of support provided by the local staff is greatly appreciated by this department.</p> <p>La Junta: BEST grant application released with due date of February 27th. Evaluating feasibility of submitting this round.</p> <p>Pueblo: Awarded new NCLR Escalera grant for \$15,000.00 to scale up Junior cohort. A program facilitator and two participating students have been invited to attend Advocacy Day in Washington, DC in early March. Travel reimbursement will be provided by NCLR.</p> <p>Statewide: January 26th- Teachers of Critical Languages Program application to be submitted. Requesting native Modern Standard Arabic instructor from Egypt for 10.5 month exchange to begin in Summer 2015.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None reported</p>
Human Resources -	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Level up Project- On target, next meeting is 1/15/15 to finalize an LMS that will be utilized for roll out. Discussion on next steps.</p> <p>Talent Ed- Project Complete, training tools have been sent out to all managers for Recruit to Hire, all employees data is loaded in Records. All forms that need to be signed can now be sent via Talent Ed.</p> <p>HR/ Payroll policies and procedures: On target, will be complete and ready for review by GOAL Leadership by Feb 6th.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None reported</p>
Project Management	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates:</p>

	<p>Created a Fusion training video on ticket submission and tracking. This video is available as a resource for all students and staff to view at support.goalac.org</p> <p>Engaging in project reconciliation from a list of needs identified in spring of 2014 to report on projects completed, projects in progress, and to verify the current need of certain requests</p> <p>Providing oversight to the Windows Conversion Across GOAL deliverable. A visit to each GOAL EZ was made by IT techs to ensure that the inventory report in Maestro of Windows machines matches what is located at each EZ: Expected completion: 1/31/15</p> <p>Supporting the Level Up Professional Development teams as they create curriculum components (training, resources & assessment materials) for the Life Coach job duties of: Coaching, Data Usage, Operations, Liaison, Communication, and Recruiting. Coaching of executive sponsors and leads of reach professional development team to occur Jan. 19-23.</p> <p>Communication and coordination between consultant Howard Lewis and the Summit's IT dept. regarding an open source solution for Level Up assessments and documentation</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>
<p>GED</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hire Instructors for Denver/Greeley area 2. Start up of Lamar with Community College/GOAL/MEP 3. Purchase office supplies 4. Pearson GED testing approval 5. Colorado Springs office move in <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None reported</p>

<p>IT-</p>	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates:</p> <p>Continuing to support the efforts of the innovations team to improve the delivery of the GREAT Dashboards. The recent rollout was very successful and updates are taking place weekly.</p> <p>Evaluating the requirements of our current academic applications and software systems so that criteria can be set to guide the selection of a future SIS and LMS. Target date for this evaluation 3/ 06/15</p> <p>Development of a relational database will begin this month with a target date of 1/31/2015, This restructured database will be the starting point for all future decision that involve student and staff experiences with technology. It is also the beginning of a foundation to support the gamification of our student ecosystem.</p> <p>Working on policies and procedures for Inventory management of all Tech Assets. Delivery Mid February.</p> <p>Researching open source LMS products that can provide a platform for the Level up program. This systems will include the level up criteria, a tracking system and a recognition program.</p> <p>Development is supporting the backpack budgeting process by coding some of the data</p>
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	<p>movement and will begin mapping the business logic and functionality behind the current version. Programming will begin in second quarter of 2015 to develop a parallel system that will replace the existing version within the next year.</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>
Admissions & Records	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Mid Year Enrollment and Exits Working with the Wait List to have these students enrolled by July 1 Developing Site Coordinator Training Developing training in partnership with Stacie for Back Pack Budgeting for Site Coordinators Working on Call Center system for enrollment Developing travel system to handle travel needs and be a part of backpack budgeting</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>
Fleet	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: 2 vehicles with blown motors will be delivered to the Ranch for future CTE program Vehicle Kits have been shipped to 3 locations who recently purchased fleet vehicles. Fleet needs survey has been sent out to see who needs items from the fleet vehicle kits Fleet Maintenance spreadsheet has been sent out Will work with Norma to get spare keys sent down. Missing about 75% of the spares New vehicle purchased for Carolyn Gery and will be registered as soon as I get the paperwork</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: Didn't get a whole lot of response for the fleet needs survey and haven't seen much response to the fleet maintenance spreadsheet as of yet.</p>
Facilities	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Alamosa Build Out Complete Greeley has been moved to their new location Work has been painted at the SRO to include staining and painting Smart Board installation will be scheduled soon with Anne</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>
Leases -	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Alamosa - Awaiting changes from landlord. 205. Santa Fe Expires 2/28/2015 1861 Pueblo Blvd. Expires 4/14/2015</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>

La Junta Campus

Campus Management	<p>Key department work projects and estimated completion dates: Researching cost of replacing old T8 Light fixtures with LED for energy efficiency.</p>
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	<p>Gathering cost for blown insulation Gathering cost and researching product for centrally programmed thermostats. Carpet in Memorial at the Ranch has been completed. Waiting on electrical issues to be finished up in order to complete the apartment in Burlington Hall of the Ranch.</p> <p>Kitchen at the Ranch has been painted Issues at the Ranch during ICAP training will be addressed with Anne</p> <p>Key department issues and what the department is doing to improve / correct the issue: None Reported</p>
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D49 & CDE UPDATES

Falcon District 49	Kim McClelland has announced she is leaving to the Digital BOCES
Colorado Department of Education	Nothing new to report