

GOAL Academy excited for new year

Dr. Constance Jones, CEO, and Debbie Rose, president of the board – along with 400 staff and more than 4,000 projected students – kicked off the new school year at the statewide GOAL forum with this year’s mantra: “100%: It starts with US.” GOAL Academy’s mission is “Developing productive members of society” and its vision is the following: “Helping all students achieve their full potential in a caring, supportive, and personalized environment.” Five regions (Southern, Central, Colorado Springs, Denver and Northern), 30 student drop-in centers, two technology centers, and the headquarters in Pueblo will be fully

up and running under the authorizing district, Falcon 49, on Sept. 3: the first day for students. Orientations will occur during the month of August. Signup is easy by calling 1-800-PRO-GOAL or using the online enrollment form at goalac.org. GOAL ACADEMY is a free blended online public high school that has operated for a decade. All technology equipment is provided at no charge, including laptops and internet hot spots. Students work online, and also have highly qualified assistance at the nearest of 30 drop-in sites statewide: as well as through a wide variety of online support platforms.

Student THRIVE enrichment programs include, but are not limited to the following:

- Concurrent enrollment, whereby students can begin earning free college credit at local colleges and universities as early as their freshman year.
- Career and Technical Education program including internships, on the job training, job shadowing, and more.
- Work-keys training and certification.
- Regular “pod activities:” hands-on learning.
- Goal Ventures, a statewide experiential learning program in which students can earn core and/or elective

credit including trips to Mt. Rushmore, Leadville, Arizona, Mexico, Moab and so forth.

- Senior Recovery plan of study for credit deficient students, including the Colorado Department of Education Capstone Project route to graduation.
- Volunteer opportunities.
- Perfect World Music Academy, led by Grammy Award winner Carlos Lucero and his incredible team of musicians and teachers.
- Student government opportunities.
- Prom, dances, movie nights.
- Athletics and/or activities at local high schools.