

September 2010

**Dear Educators,**

Welcome back! With all your hard work during the school year, I hope you were able to get a little rest and pool time during the summer months. I am sure you can agree when I say every summer seems to go by more quickly than the last. A few years ago we used to say summer was our "down time" at College In Colorado, but each summer we find ourselves busier than the last. This is due in large part to the growth we have seen over the last few years - thanks to you and your school.

Over the summer we hosted multiple two-day ICAP implementation workshops, which combine the current work of districts and the use of [CollegelInColorado.org](http://CollegelInColorado.org). With budget cuts across the board, many districts in the state have decided to use the free resources on [CollegelInColorado.org](http://CollegelInColorado.org) for all their ICAP needs. Each training differed from the previous, but all district stakeholders agreed that they were that much closer to a final ICAP plan, with the help of College In Colorado.

We also have been working over the last couple of months on the enhanced batch account creation process. We are certain this feature will alleviate some of your back to school "busy work," and will simplify student account creations. Make sure to read the articles below for more information.

As you start up the new school year, we couldn't be more pleased about the tools and resources we have to offer you and your students. We wish you the best of luck on your fresh start, and please let us know if we can be of assistance.

On a personal note, we had a big milestone this year in the Owens household, when our oldest son, Harlan, started kindergarten. In just the few short weeks that he has been an elementary school student, we can see what a profound effect a good teacher, counselor, administration and staff can have on a child, and on a school. So if I didn't say it enough as a colleague, as a mom, thank you for everything you do for our students!

Sincerely,



Dawn Taylor Owens

**Looking for the  
Pre-Collegiate Directory?**

The Pre-Collegiate Directory will now be hosted on the CIC Partner Network. Go to [CICPartnerNetwork.org](http://CICPartnerNetwork.org) and click on Community Partner Directory.

## ICAP Seminars

Is your school or district still determining how to implement the new ICAP standards? Let College In Colorado assist you with this process during a free, two-day ICAP seminar. College In Colorado will assist district stakeholders to begin or continue to build a comprehensive ICAP implementation plan.

September has us all over the state helping school districts. Schedule now for October and November. E-mail [trainings@cic.state.co.us](mailto:trainings@cic.state.co.us) for more information.

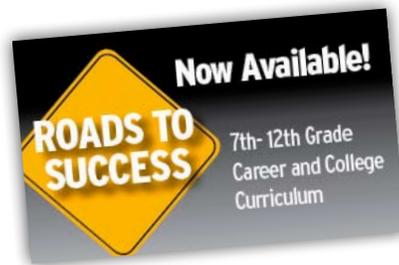
## Save the Date: October is College Application Month



College In Colorado will host College Application Month during October. The goal is to provide every graduating high school senior with the preparation and opportunity to apply to college, with the help of the tools available on [CollegelnColorado.org](http://CollegelnColorado.org). We will provide resources for you and your students, which includes activities, a calendar, a checklist and a professional handbook, to ensure success at your school.

Go to [CICCollegeAppMonth.org](http://CICCollegeAppMonth.org) throughout the next month for more information and updates.

**Get your students involved!** A \$1,000 scholarship and other prizes will be given away each week to students who participate throughout the month.



## Roads to Success Curriculum

The Roads to Success curriculum is designed to help youth discover the careers that inspire them and the steps needed to reach their goals. From study strategies to ACT preparation, exploring careers to acing an interview, Roads to Success coaches students in the skills they'll need to become productive adults. Use it to implement ICAP activities.

For more information, go to [CollegelnColorado.org](http://CollegelnColorado.org) and click on **Training, Outreach & Resources**.

## Contact from College In Colorado

Periodically the team at College In Colorado will contact students via e-mail to alert them of new features on the Website, scholarships, or other pertinent educational opportunities. We will, however, to the best of our ability, let advisors know in advance of any planned communication with students. If you have any questions about this policy, please do not hesitate to contact us.



### Meet BriAnne!

The newest addition to the CIC Team. BriAnne is the outreach coordinator for the Denver metro area and across the Front Range.

Need IT help?  
Call 1-800-281-1168 or e-mail  
[support@collegeincolorado.org](mailto:support@collegeincolorado.org).

## **Batch Creation**

The School Finance Act of 2009 specified that each 6th grade student must have an account on [CollegelInColorado.org](http://CollegelInColorado.org), and that each district in Colorado must provide its students with an Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP). College In Colorado is working to greatly reduce any additional burden these requirements may impose by providing you with the best tools and features possible on [CollegelInColorado.org](http://CollegelInColorado.org).

The recently enhanced electronic batch process is now available to create [CollegelInColorado.org](http://CollegelInColorado.org) accounts (portfolios) using a file created from your Student Information System (SIS) or other data storage system.

This feature is available, free-of-charge, to K-12 education professionals, postsecondary school advisors and workforce center advisors (or their IT/support staff members), through a Professional Center (<http://procenter.collegeincolorado.org>) account created with the site-specific Professional Account Access Key (PAAK) or Administrator code (AC). The site administrator may suppress PAAK account access to this feature.

For more information go to [CollegelInColorado.org](http://CollegelInColorado.org) and click on **Training, Outreach & Resources**, and review the Batch Account document.

## **Focus on Current Events**

Get students excited about careers surrounding current events. View our new IMPACT “micro-site” that focuses on current events. So far we’ve shown careers and college programs of study related to working during a natural disaster such as in Haiti, the World Cup and now, the Gulf Coast Oil Spill.

Go to [CollegelInColorado.org](http://CollegelInColorado.org) and click on **What’s New**.

## **CIC Staff Across the State Look for us this fall!**

**September – November** – Day/Night Fairs

**September 1** – Tailgate at Wasson High School

**September 18** – Grand Junction Feria de Educacion Superior

**October 1** – Tailgate at Grand Valley High School

**October 8** – Tailgate at Sangre de Cristo Jr./Sr. High School

**October 15** – Tailgate at Platte Valley High School

**October 16** – Greeley Feria de Educacion Superior

**October 22** – Tailgate at Idalia High School

**Need your PAAK or AC Code?  
E-mail your request to  
[Twyla.Esquibel@cic.state.co.us](mailto:Twyla.Esquibel@cic.state.co.us).**



**College Savings Month** is an effort to increase awareness among parents about the importance of saving for their children’s (and even their own) higher education expenses. In recognition of College Savings Month, **CollegeInvest is bringing you the September College Savings Sweepstakes!**

During the month of September, CollegeInvest is awarding **weekly \$529 CollegeInvest 529 College Savings Accounts**. CollegeInvest will randomly draw two winners each week during the month of September. Visit [www.collegeinvest.org](http://www.collegeinvest.org) today!

## *The Results*

During the 2009-2010 school year, College In Colorado sponsored a counseling center makeover contest, worth over \$3,000, for Colorado middle and high schools. College In Colorado unveiled the results of the makeover at **York International School in Mapleton School District on August 17, 2010**. York International has a population of 64% Latino and over 68% of students receiving free and reduced lunch.

The staff at College In Colorado worked closely with York International's Counselor, **Misti Gosett-Thrower**, and students to ensure the new area would meet their needs to prepare for future college and career aspirations. The makeover included new paint for the room, tables, chairs, posters with quotes chosen by the students, couches, a television, and much more.



**Before**

**After**

