



# Office of the Provost

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## CSU Open House

The weekend of February 25 was a busy weekend on campus with major events taking place on both RiverPark and main campus. We had 248 students attend Saturday's events compared to 100 students last year for the comparable date. Total attendees with guests was 588.

## Scholastic Honors Convocation

The Scholastic Honors Convocation will be held Friday, April 14, in Legacy Hall of the RiverCenter. Only Stage Party members need to wear regalia and there will be a bus to shuttle attendees from main campus to/from RiverPark. Department chairs should have already received an email from Kristen Hansen about changes to the event and about the student award information needed by the committee. Please submit the names of the award recipients at the following link no later than **Tuesday, March 7, at 12:00 p.m.** Should you have questions, please contact Kristen Hansen ([hansen\\_kristen@columbusstate.edu](mailto:hansen_kristen@columbusstate.edu); (706) 649-7271). [https://aa.columbusstate.edu/scholastic-honors/departmental\\_awards.php](https://aa.columbusstate.edu/scholastic-honors/departmental_awards.php). |

## Courageous Conversations

Focus groups are underway to provide opportunities for additional discussion on your perceptions of diversity awareness and inclusion at Columbus State University. Thanks to all of you who have participated thus far. The next sessions will take place on **March 8 and 9** with locations on both campuses. The following link can be used for signing up for a session:

<https://docs.google.com/a/columbusstate.edu/forms/d/1VUdxis1ENE8rklfLxtVQzk3LOlvwq17yJrUoR14d4NY/edit?ts=58a330be>. Should you have questions – or if there is difficulty with the link – please contact Johniqua Williams ([williams\\_johniqua@columbusstate.edu](mailto:williams_johniqua@columbusstate.edu); (706) 507-8594).

## Strategic Planning Kickoff and Faculty and Staff Awards - SAVE THE DATE

On **May 2**, we will present the new Strategic Plan and will celebrate the accomplishments of faculty and staff. This a campus-wide event that will tentatively begin at 9:30 and conclude with lunch.

## Searches

CSU is currently conducting a search for the *Executive Director of Admissions* and is preparing to begin the search for the *Mildred Miller Fort Eminent Scholar Chair of International Education* and *Executive Director of the Center for International Education*. Additional information on these searches will be available in the upcoming weeks.

## University Assessment Committee

The University Assessment Committee is a new institutional committee that will provide leadership and assistance in developing and overseeing a program of evaluation and feedback to enhance institutional effectiveness. The committee also:

- develops and recommends university-wide assessment policies;
- assists in developing assessment procedures that meet SACSCOC standards for data collection and analyses;
- reviews assessment procedures for consistency with goals and objectives
- reviews assessment activities and recommends improvements (i.e. NSSE, FSSE, ETS);
- reviews the progress of the university in implementing assessment activities;
- reviews and provides feedback on annual institutional and program level learning assessment reports; and
- recommends training and assessment workshops for faculty and staff.