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Hello ThunderWolves:

Whether you are a new student joining the Pack this fall or a returning student who has been a member of the Pack, we are excited to welcome you to campus Monday, August 23 for first day of classes (housing move-in starts August 20). We are enthusiastically preparing for on-campus students' arrival with a robust in-person experience. You will see the return of our engaging activities including [Orientation, Convocation and Welcome Week](#), the [Student Employment and Involvement Festival](#) and [Discover Downtown](#) at the start of the semester, as well as our Packfest music festival. Our Associated Students Government is actively engaged in plans for the fall, including the return of our Homecoming bonfire, the Winter Wonderland festival and a new student formal. You will have the opportunity to engage in exciting experiences focused on:

- Hands-on research and scholarly activities to hone analytical and critical thinking skills, working with faculty members while earning stipends through the [Discovery Scholars](#) program.
- A comprehensive approach to achieving your goals through the [Pathways program](#). Every student will have access to a [success team](#) of a Success Coach, Faculty Mentor, and Peer Mentor to support your progress.
- Expanded career opportunities through the Works program, launching later this year. Works will expand your career opportunities while you are in school, through enhanced career preparation, resume and portfolio development, and access to paid work on and off campus that connects with your course of study. Contact Nancy Zimmer, nancy.zimmer@csupueblo.edu or 719.549.2856 for more information.

We anticipate a fall semester that looks much like the “normal” pre-COVID college experience. However, we have learned much during the pandemic that allows us to continue to offer remote options for instruction, tutoring and other support services that support many students' desire for flexibility, and we intend to continue offering that flexibility where possible. Our [course offerings](#) will support an engaging and flexible learning experience with a variety of course modalities from Face-to-Face to Hybrid and Online.

Knowing many had questions about COVID-19 vaccine requirements, our campus [announced additional information Friday](#). Because no vaccines have moved out of emergency use authorization and received the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval— a prerequisite of our CSU System COVID-19 vaccine requirement – **the vaccination will continue to be voluntary and will not be required for the fall semester**. Decisions about the spring 2022 semester will be made a later date, pending new updates from the FDA. We remain committed to providing a safe living and learning environment for our campus community, and our response to the pandemic will continue to be guided by the best information available to us. CSU Pueblo's COVID-19 response has been recognized as [one of the best in the nation](#) for our ability to innovate and collaborate with state and local public health, and that will continue.

We look forward to seeing you in August and want to leave with a request: **If you are not yet registered for fall classes, don't delay** – as August approaches, course options will become limited. Contact the [PACK Center](#) at 719.549.2584 or your faculty mentor for advising and course selection assistance.

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