



# THE IMPACT

## DIVISION OF EXTENDED STUDIES

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### PUEBLO'S ADULT LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Colorado State University Pueblo on behalf of the CSU Pueblo Foundation was awarded one time funding in January 2021 from Pueblo County for the Marijuana Excise Tax Scholarship Funds. These scholarship dollars allow for assistance with new student support, Pueblo County adult return to earn, retention for current students, and GED or transfer initiatives.

CSU Pueblo is using a portion of the money for new scholarships, specific to individuals who live in Pueblo County. Pueblo County residents can apply for a scholarship of up to \$2,500 when they enroll in the following undergraduate degree programs through Extended Studies: Construction Management, RN-BSN, Health Science, Interdisciplinary Studies, Business Administration, Sociology and Criminology.

Students can begin coursework March 8th for Spring B enrollment and do not have to wait until summer to earn their degree. Students must be accepted and enroll for the Spring B start date by March 5th to be eligible for this scholarship opportunity. This scholarship is available to new or re-admitted students who have not been enrolled for more than a year.

"CSU Pueblo has already helped more than 30 new or continuing students with this scholarship initiative for Spring A," said White Davis. "We want to help at least 90 more students, and we have the funding to support it."

For more info, visit: [csupueblo.edu/extended-studies/scholarship.html](https://csupueblo.edu/extended-studies/scholarship.html)

ADENIRAN O. ADEDAMOLA  
2019 GRADUATE



### INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM SUCCESS

CSU Pueblo Independent Studies 2019 graduate, Adeniran O. Adedamola, writes, "When I began my studies at CSU Pueblo as a transfer student from Adams State University with a major in Sociology, I needed more flexibility and a less time-constrained schedule. That is when I found the Independent Study program at CSU Pueblo, which is for undergraduates who wish to study while they also earn career experience."

Adedamola now works as a Managing Director of a transportation company. The Extended Studies program gave him the opportunity to build a career while earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology. In the future, he intends to pursue law school. "I thank CSU Pueblo's Division of Extended Studies for this tremendous opportunity, for the professional and work-oriented academic advisors, and for the excellent instructors that want to see me succeed."

In a continually changing world, the one thing that seems constant is the desire for people to pursue additional education. While the world catapults online programs to the forefronts of our minds, the Extended Studies Independent Study (IS) program has been a long-standing, constant means for individuals to pursue higher education. It was visionary to build it and it takes a great deal of work to maintain, but it is worth it when we hear stories like the one above.

The IS program has been instrumental in helping many students complete their degrees and graduate, especially for students who have stopped out of the university due to personal reasons or who have moved away from Pueblo. In fact, the Sociology Department has provided an avenue for full degree completion for students who need optimal flexibility and may not have access to the internet. In 2019, the Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies became the second degree that could be completed through the IS program. Through this learning modality of correspondence-based curriculum, Extended Studies has been able to offer college degrees for deployed service members, as well as incarcerated adults across the country. More recently, Extended Studies has developed a partnership with Colorado Youth Offender Services that was highlighted on the news.

This program does not get the credit that is deserved because it does not have all the hype of online, but it is a credit to the faculty who teach in it and the staff of Extended Studies that are making a substantial impact in closing the achievement gap.

This communication is a bi-monthly newsletter informing campus and the community of updates, announcements and highlights happening within the CSU Pueblo Division of Extended Studies.