



EXTENDED STUDIES  
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PUEBLO



# THE IMPACT

## Newsletter

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**SPRING SEMESTER**  
2025





## The Dean's Dispatch

Hello all, and welcome to the spring 2025 semester! We are excited for what lies ahead for our students and our programs.

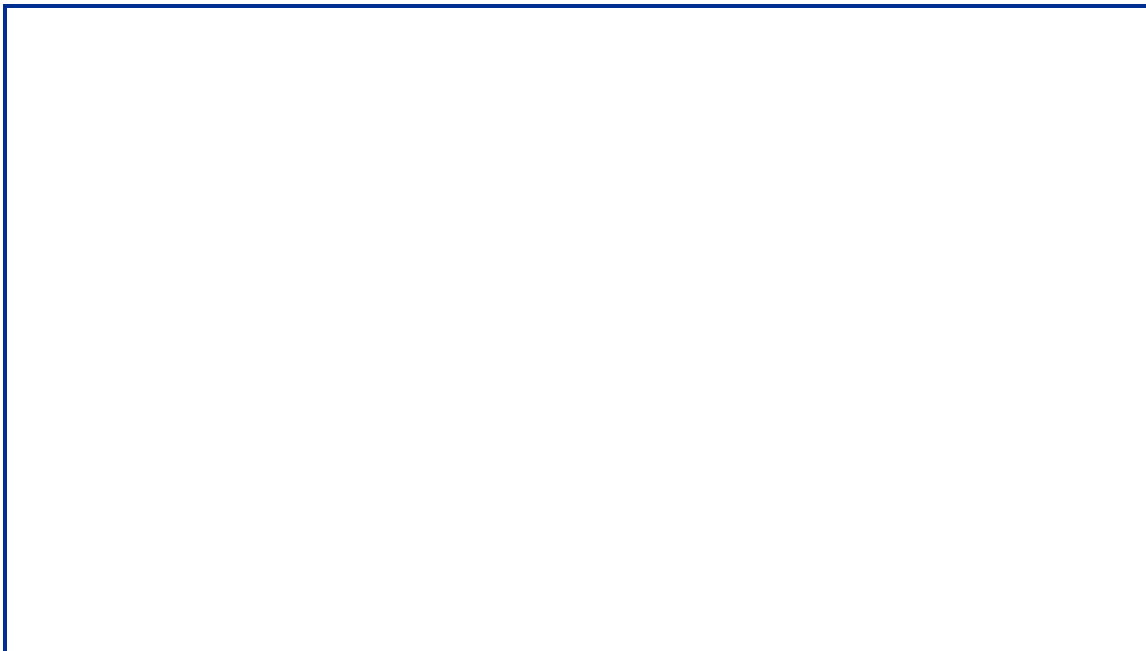
We have a few exciting events coming up with Construction Management Discovery Day on March 6, where students will come to our main campus to learn from industry professionals and our faculty about the construction field and programs available at CSU Pueblo. That following day, we welcome you to join us at Blo Back Gallery for the First Friday Art Walk, where one of our Independent Study Students is hosting an art show to raise money for our scholarship for justice-involved students, the Levitt Fund.

We are proud of the work our team is doing for these events and more to bring awareness to our programs and opportunities for students of all ages and stages of life to continue their education at CSU Pueblo. We hope to see you there!

Kathryn Starkey, Ph.D.

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## KEY FEATURE



# BLO BACK ART *EXHIBITION*



Join us for a reception  
highlighting Christopher  
Levitt's work.

An exhibit showcasing the  
talent of a CSU Pueblo  
Independent Study student  
incarcerated in Michigan.

7 MARCH,  
2025

5:30 PM  
BLO BACK GALLERY  
131 Spring St.  
Pueblo CO 81004

## Art Beyond Walls: A Special Exhibition at Blo Back Gallery

Blo Back Gallery is proud to showcase the work of a CSU Pueblo Independent Study student whose artistic voice transcends barriers. Created through CSU Pueblo's correspondence-based Independent Study program, this exhibition highlights the power of education and creativity for incarcerated students. Each piece offers a glimpse into the artist's perspective, proving that expression knows no boundaries. Join us in celebrating resilience, talent, and the transformative power of art.

**Friday, March 7, 2025**

**5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

**Blo Back Gallery**

**131 Spring St. Pueblo, CO 81003**

# DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS BY PROGRAM



## Division of Extended Studies- Expanding Educational Access

The primary goal of the Division of Extended Studies is to provide courses to part-time students. A variety of educational methods – classroom instruction, correspondence, on-line courses, conferences, workshops and seminars – are utilized to expand educational access and meet the needs of students at convenient times and settings. Students may earn academic credit toward a degree, study for career advancement, or pursue cultural and vocational interests.

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### RURAL OUTREACH

#### FAFSA Workshops:

Extended Studies, Financial Aid, and Admissions staff recently visited Aguilar

High School for another successful FAFSA workshop. During the session, we guided students and families through the application process and provided essential contact information for further inquiries and admissions support.

We look forward to continuing our outreach at Hanover High School in March! To schedule a workshop at your school or in your community, click the link below!

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### HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

[Construction](#)



### INDEPENDENT STUDY

[Expanding Access to](#)



## Management Day 2025

We are excited to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Frameworks for the Future: Construction Management Discovery Day on Thursday, March 6th. Extended Studies and the Construction Management Program invite high school students from Pueblo and the surrounding areas to join us and learn more about B.S. in Construction Management career pathways. The event will feature informational and hands-on sessions led by CSU Pueblo faculty and leaders in the construction industry. If you have a high school student interested in attending our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Construction Management Discovery Day, please reach out to Extended Studies for more information!

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## Education: Independent Study Scholarship for Incarcerated Students

CSU Pueblo's Independent Study program is proud to announce a transformative scholarship opportunity, made possible through a generous grant from Canvas Credit Union. This funding will directly support degree-seeking incarcerated students, breaking down financial barriers and opening doors to higher education.

Through this partnership, we are not only providing scholarships, but also equipping these students with essential financial literacy skills, empowering them with knowledge that will serve them well beyond the classroom. Together, we are fostering education, opportunity, and second chances.

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### Lead the Future: Online BAS in Organizational Leadership at CSU Pueblo

Southern Colorado is rich in history, resilience, and opportunity.

To sustain its growth, communities need strong leaders who can drive development, foster innovation, and tackle challenges like economic shifts, resource access, and sustainability.



### TEP Increases National Presence and Sees Growth

Over the past two months, TEP has onboarded four new providers and is in the final steps of developing partnerships with school districts. To date, TEP partners with 48 providers in 17 states and serves students across the United States and 11 countries worldwide. Additionally, the number of providers who serve 500+ students has doubled in less than two years resulting in an enrollment increase in our Masters

CSU Pueblo's online Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership equips students with essential skills in strategic planning, decision-making, and organizational management. Graduates emerge ready to lead businesses, nonprofits, and civic initiatives—whether in tourism, agriculture, industry, or community revitalization.

This degree prepares you to be a catalyst for change, shaping the future while preserving the unique character of southern Colorado.

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and doctoral degree programs. Ultimately, the growth of TEP strengthens the connection of highly qualified teachers with global education systems.

Recently, the TEP Team met with all providers who submitted student work samples. We worked to create individualized goals shared between TEP and each provider. In addition, over 500 courses are undergoing syllabus renewal in 2025 in accordance with HLC accreditation guidelines.

TEP staff has begun to work closely with impacted providers to further enhance those partnerships.

TEP staff will attend the [Professional Learning Communities \(PLC\) at Work®](#) conference in February where they plan to learn about sustained, substantive school improvement strategies. At the conference, the team will spread the word about TEP at CSU Pueblo, make connections with a national education network, and participate in strategies that impact our educator students.

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## STUDENT RESOURCES

### PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA)

PLA has officially joined the CPL search network. The CPL Search Network is a search tool free to the public. This will help champion the needs of adult learners and workers! CSU Pueblo is the only school listed in Colorado.

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## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

We are excited to offer financial support options to our students. Please click the link below to discover these scholarship opportunities.

FIND  
SCHOLARSHIPS

## WOLF TRACKS PODCAST



[View Our Wolf Tracks Podcast Here](#)

A podcast brought to you by Extended Studies highlighting the people and projects that we get to work with every day!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, March 6th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
Construction Management Discovery Day  
Recreation Center

**Friday, March 7th, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
Student Art Exhibition at Blo Back Gallery

**Monday, March 17th**  
Spring B classes begin

**Thursday, April 3rd ALL DAY**  
#LoveCSUPueblo Give Day

**Ready, Set, Enroll Dates**

**\*\*Event Time for All Dates is 8 a.m. - noon\*\***

April 5, 2025

April 26, 2025

July 26, 2025

August 12, 2025

August 23, 2025

## Past Newsletter Issues

ADMISSIONS

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Pueblo, CO 81001-4901  
**719-549-2316**



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