



# PROVOST'S CORNER

Dear Colleagues,

This is the inaugural issue of a newsletter from the Office of the Provost that I hope will be a useful way to address issues we are focused on in the academic side of the institution and recognize some of the achievements of our faculty colleagues and our students. I intend it to be a brief newsletter that we can produce on a biweekly cycle and that you can read in few minutes. To make this a two-way communication, I hope to receive your comments and suggestions at the provost office email address, ProvostOffice@csueblo.edu.

Although I would like to hear from you through email, I believe in open communications and would like to provide as many communication channels as possible to hear directly from you throughout the academic year. My office is working on scheduling visits with individual departments over the year. We are also planning office hours open to all faculty and academic staff. These office hours will be announced monthly through the Email Digest and will be available in F2F and Zoom formats. I ask that you please participate in these office hours as your schedule permits. I am also more than happy to meet with you on an individual basis, arrange invited visits to your classrooms or student activities as possible. Please reach out to the provost's office if you would like to schedule such appointments (719) 549 - 2313.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HSI Week Anti-Racism Workshop

- Tuesday, September 14

### Constitution Day Eve (CHASS Event)

- Thursday, September 16

### Fall Internship & Career Fair

- Wednesday, October 13  
OSC Ballroom

### STEM Research Symposium

- Thursday, October 21  
OSC Fireside Lounge

### Math Day

- Thursday, November 18

## FACULTY RECOGNITION



Biology professors Amaya Garcia Costas and Fran Sandmeier joined researchers from CSU Fort Collins in a grant awarded from the National Science Foundation to study aerobiomes.

This grant gives three CSU Pueblo graduate students full tuition and a stipend to study aerobiomes. These students will also get on the fast track to a PhD from CSU Fort Collins by making connections within the program's collaborators.

While researchers know that microorganisms can move through the air, the team will investigate how the aerobiome is altered by environmental stresses such as weather patterns, seasons, drought, agriculture and fire.

Research will drive solutions to airborne transmission of animal and plant pathogens and will foster understanding of the role of the aerobiome in preserving ecosystem health.

## STUDENT SUCCESSES

Sabina Garduno De La Vega graduated from CSU Pueblo in May with a degree in Political Science.



After achieving a 3.82 GPA at CSU Pueblo, Garduno De La Vega has decided to continue her education at New York University.

While on campus, Garduno De La Vega participated in political science club, worked in the international studies office, played tennis, and served as a student editor for El Rio, CSU Pueblo's student research journal.

Thanks to her time at CSU Pueblo, Garduno De La Vega was inspired to become a professor herself. Her career goal is to become a professor in political science.

"My goals became tangible for me," Garduno De La Vega said. "It was very clear to me that my success was something not only I wanted, but the faculty and staff wanted as well."