



# College of Arts & Media

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To: All CAM Faculty & Staff  
From: Larry Kaptain, Dean *LK*  
Subject: Dean's Message

Folks, Congratulations on a great start to the semester!

- 1) Good news to share, there are currently 100 (exactly) LYNX Camp Alums enrolled in CAM. That's about 8% of our student body. Congrats to Dave Walter, our wonderful faculty and staff, and the CAM students who serve to support the infrastructure of this large undertaking.
- 2) 20 of our recent graduates have been LYNX Campers, that's a good sign too.
- 3) The CAM Living, Learning and Creating Community in the City Heights Residence Hall is off and running. There are 70 CAM students and our talented students Cheyanne Gonzalez and Aana Rase (both MEIS) are the RAs. Christina Paguyo is our lead person on assuring a high-level student experience, and then Leslie Soich, Todd Reid and Andrew Bateman are the faculty partners.



- 4) I know that everyone has been hearing a lot about research and creative work—and we need to up our involvement. [Goal No. 3](#) is, “Be internationally known for our research and creative activities impacting five of society's grand challenges. The complexities of today's global challenges require approaches that address them head on— with fresh thinking and dynamic, diverse teams. We will elevate our research operations to solve problems that matter. With a true collaborative ethos, CU Denver will build a research enterprise of interdisciplinary teams specially designed to solve some of the biggest societal challenges of our time. We will bring together a diversity of researchers, artists, and designers to knock down disciplinary boundaries to create innovative and impactful outcomes for our city, region, and world. Our research enterprise will be internationally respected, well-funded externally, and well-supported internally through state-of-the-art physical, digital, and administrative infrastructure.” Faculty—when you speak with Associate Dean Theo Edmonds about your research and creative work, make sure that you, your area, and your department are working toward Goal No. 3.

Onward!