



College of Arts & Media  
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

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To: CAM Faculty and Staff  
From: Larry Kaptain, Dean  
Subject: Dean's Message

Dear Colleagues,

First off, thanks to all of you—faculty, staff, students, alumni, community partners and supporters. So much was accomplished this semester—and this calendar year. Check out [CAM's website](#) and look forward to Studio 2022, that will be released in December.

- 1) Final Meeting of the Semester for all CAM Faculty and Staff (attendance required) will be held on Friday, December 10, from Noon-1:30 pm. The location will be announced after Thanksgiving Break. This is one of two semester meetings of CAM (August and December).
- 2) I want to thank Michelle Carpenter, Richard Strasser and Jeff Merkel for sharing some initial information about a proposed emphasis area in Game Art & Story. In advance of this proposal, a [site visit](#) to the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) was conducted (November 6-8) where a team of CAM faculty (Carpenter, Merkel, Edmonds, Kaptain), and a community partner (Colleen Fanning) spent time with faculty, chairs, deans, and leadership in game design and interactive media. And yesterday, we spoke with Hanover Research to commission a feasibility study to launch a degree program(s) in video game design and production in the Fall of 2023). I'm announcing this possibility as Dean, because the faculty need to assemble the courses and academic planning for this endeavor.

One part of advancing this idea—into some real planning, is special one-time incentive funding to launch new programs. Our deadline for submission is December 8<sup>th</sup>. So, for the welfare of the college, I feel that we must submit a proposal to receive funding to build a program that will attract many students--and allow us to hire more faculty and staff to support (perhaps 500+) new majors by 2030—with a 2023 launch.

- 3) Congrats to Storm Gloor who won a President Research Award and then [made the presentation](#) to the Chancellor, Provost, Deans, and faculty—last week.
- 4) If someone tells you that they didn't hear about an opportunity or deadline, suggest reading the Dean's Messages. They are also compiled [here](#). [APS 6002](#) state, "*The university provides electronic communication resources to support its work of teaching, scholarly research, public service, advancement, and constituent engagement. This administrative policy statement establishes electronic communication as the official means of communication and related parameters for use.*"

