The Urban Male Initiative (UMI) is for men who are students at the Community College of Denver (CCD). Recognizing the unique challenges faced by urban males, CCD developed the Urban Male Initiative to support academic success, provide opportunities for personal and professional growth through leadership development, service learning, and intentional investment in life skills.

Why was UMI developed? Men face different challenges than women; different social pressures, cultural expectations, and gender roles. CCD recognized these unique challenges and addresses them in UMI, helping men to fulfill their potential as students, community leaders, employees, husbands, and fathers.

"If you want a harvest in one year, grow a crop. If you want a harvest in ten years, grow trees. If you want a harvest that will last a lifetime, grow people." — Chinese Proverb
To provide relevant experiences for male students at Community College of Denver that will ensure academic success, professional growth, and social maturity in the areas of education and retention, leadership and career exposure, social awareness, community involvement, and role modeling for others.

CCD is an equal access, equal opportunity college. CCD recognizes that administration, faculty and staff reflect the diversity of its students and community and prohibits employment and student discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, national origin and sexual orientation.

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ABOUT UMI

Through a series of special programming, events and activities, UMI provides opportunities for male students to network with other students, faculty, staff and community members. UMI encourages academic achievement, completion of degree programs and transition to a four-year university or to the workplace.

CCD is committed to addressing the educational challenges faced by males. Through UMI, CCD works to develop leaders who are ethically disciplined, morally wise, and intellectual capable.

It’s important for students to stay in school and finish their education. UMI participants meet with an advisor and have access to tutoring provided by student educators. In addition, the Early Alert program identifies students who need academic intervention. An early intervention may mean the student gets the help needed to stay in school.

UMI participants meet one on one with a faculty, staff, or community mentor once a month, attend a monthly Critical Conversations (life and leadership discussions with community role models) and attend a monthly required study hall session as well as individually scheduled tutoring sessions with student educators. Additionally, to encourage lifelong community involvement, each semester the group is responsible for a community service project.

Eligibility

Men who are enrolled at CCD are eligible to participate in the Urban Male Initiative. It’s that simple.

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