

## Day 7: Did you know about the University's co-curricular opportunities?

### **HLC Criteria 3.E.1/3.E.2. Co-curricular programs guided by mission and contribute to an enriched experience.**

Anchored by values expressed in the institution's mission statement, such as a commitment to student learning, character development, and student success, CMU's co-curricular programming is designed to actively engage students of all backgrounds with purposeful on- and off-campus services and activities. By delivering a [broad array of opportunities](#) for leadership, engagement and support, CMU provides students with an enriched experience to develop the whole person.

Cohort scholarship programs, such as [Reisher Scholars](#) engage Colorado students from diverse backgrounds and under-resourced families in order to improve student success through a holistic support approach. The Reisher program uses community projects, such as those sponsored by Student Life and Intercollegiate Athletics, as tools to promote student leadership and community engagement.

Student Life's recent service programs include volunteer cleanup, home repairs, and landscaping in neighborhoods adjacent to the main campus. Student-athletes have supported the community Challenger Baseball program which connects varsity athletes with special needs children.

[Student-led community leadership](#) has taken many forms. For example, to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability, the student Sustainability Council collaborates with faculty in operating a composting facility which converts campus and community waste into high-quality organic matter for community gardening. The student Gay Straight Alliance hosts community forums to support LGBTQ awareness and tolerance and draw attention to issues faced by campus and community members who identify as transgender. The student Cultural Diversity Board and Office of Diversity, Advocacy and Health also hosted a series of "Let's Talk About It" forums in AY 2016-17 between community police leaders and students identifying as African American so as to promote civic dialogue between law enforcement and the black community. Through the [Outdoor Program](#), students can participate in programs that last anywhere from a few hours to long weekends, with students gaining insights into Colorado's physical environments and past cultures. Over the past three years, 2,677 students have participated in at least one of the 644 off-campus activities.

Student satisfaction with opportunities available through various student organizations is found in the 2016 [Student Satisfaction Survey](#) (SSI). The 739 SSI respondents rated various criteria related to student life. The average for those survey items was 5.39 or higher on a 7 point scale with 7 being the best score. All 2016 averages were improvements over those for 2014.

**To learn more**, log into MAVzone and click on the document link found in the CMU Assurance Argument for HLC channel (top left on the Home tab) for the full text of CMU's Assurance

Argument. Links to supporting evidence are identified by underlined words but are not available through the PDF version.

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