

As the **College Transitions Coordinator** (CTC) for North High School, I work with North High School (NHS) alumni, who are either planning to attend or currently attending Auraria Campus schools; Community College of Denver, Metropolitan State University of Denver, and University of Colorado Denver. The type of support I provide includes a holistic advising approach starting with the onboarding process, admissions applications, campus tours, FAFSA/CASFA, scholarships, orientation & registration to on campus individualized supports that include, frequent check ins for academic and social emotional support, access to resources on campus, tutoring and participation in academic support programs. Advising also includes more in-depth components from financial literacy (understanding the college tuition bill), self-advocacy skills when navigating the educational system to career/life coaching such as how to open a bank account, how to apply for medical insurance, how to apply for jobs and resume writing, etc. In my role, I facilitate the connection between students and college/university staff and culture. Some of the objectives of my role is to guide and support students' transition into their college journey, increase persistence of North alumni at institutions of higher education on the Auraria Campus, and support students through obtaining a college credential.

As a result of our partnership with Prosperity Denver Fund (PDF), we have been able to critically analyze our scholarship practices and implement a more equitable and inclusive approach to our scholar search. In doing so, the Northside High School Alumni Scholarship Foundation and North High School maintain a commitment to support our first generation students and students who need resources for college access the most. With the support of PDF and the reimbursement process, we have also expanded our scholarship dollars and are now able to provide recurring financial support to qualifying alumni students year after year while they continue to work towards a college credential.

NHS Alumni/Auraria Campus Enrollment Data

The table below reflects the number of students who enrolled at any one of the three Auraria Campus Institutions following graduation.

	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022
Total students enrolled:	21	40	51	26*	35	66

Source: 2019-2020 End of Year Report, Sarah Thomas

*Data suggests decrease related to COVID-19 Pandemic related challenges.

NHS Alumni/Auraria Campus Persistence Data

The table below reflects students who persisted from fall semester to spring semester.

Fall 2017 → Spring 2018	Fall 2018 → Spring 2019	Fall 2019 → Spring 2020	Fall 2020 → Spring 2021	Fall 2021 → Spring 2022
13 Students (62%)	28 Students (70%)	38 Students (75%)	13 Students (50%)*	30 Students (85%)

Source: 2020-2021 End of Year Report, Sarah Thomas

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