

# Catch Up with CESA

December 7, 2018

#### Stories to Share



Thursday, November
8th was the second
annual National FirstGen Day. TRIO Student
Support Services and
First-Gen Initiatives was
proud to collaborate to
plan a celebration of the
49.1% of Roadrunners
who identify as the first

in their family or in the first generation of people in their family to go to college! Over 250 people joined the event in the JSSB to celebrate with cake, a photo booth, and "I'm First-Gen Too" t-shirts

## **Upcoming CESA Events**

#### **African American Graduation**

Tuesday, December 11th 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. St. Cajetan's

#### **Veterans Graduation**

Are you a Veteran or Military student graduating in December? You are invited to be recognized at the MSU Denver Veterans Graduation Ceremony!

December 13, 2018, 5pm, St. Cajetans
Please RSVP to:

lsulli21@msudenver.edu

#### **Microaggressions Campaign**

Monday, December 17th 9:00 a.m - 10:30 a.m.
Central 103

#### **Roadrunners First**

Tuesday, December 18th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**SSB** 200

### **CESA Celebrations**



On Tuesday,
November 13th, the
Center for
Multicultural
Excellence and
Inclusion (CMEI),
celebrated its grand
opening. The newly
renovated space,
located in

the Jordan Student Success Building room 237, is available for student use as study and hangout space, and will continue to host many CMEI events and programs. As of Fall 2018, nearly 45% of the MSU Denver student body selfidentify as students of color, and this physical space is the culmination of many years of dedicated leadership researching and advocating for importance of a multicultural center. CMEI hosts a number of events each semester, including different workshop series: Cultivating Connections, Sister Circles, and the Social Justice Leadership Series; the Brother to Brother and Salazar Scholars cohort programs; collaborative events with MSU Denver faculty, CU Denver, and the Community College of Denver, as well as honoring and celebrating heritage months. We encourage you to come check out the new space and spread the word to students and colleagues about the many different programs, events, and initiatives coming out of CMEI.

Check out the website at www.msudenver.edu/cmei for information on upcoming dates in Spring 2019!

#### What does CESA Do?

#### **CESA Mission Statement**



Center for Equity and Student Achievement's (CESA's) mission is to support and educate students throughout their MSU Denver journey and to advocate for a campus community that promotes equity and inclusion.

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