CU Restorative Justice (CURJ) 2015-2016 Academic Year Report

The University of Colorado Restorative Justice program (CURJ) provides a forum for student offenders, victims, and affected community members to meet and identify the harms that were caused by a student’s actions and determine the best method for repairing those harms. The 2015-2016 academic year brought continued success to the CURJ program. Some of the accomplishments of this academic year include:

- Increased partnership with the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution
- The launch of the friend referral program where students receive a reduced fee for CURJ when they refer someone involved in the incident to CURJ
- Nearly 40% increase in number of completed cases from Fall 2015 to Spring 2016
- Spring 2016 saw an 8% decrease in the proportion students who were returned to the referral agency, from 11% in Fall 2015 to 3% in Spring 2016
- Increased communication with students during the case management process to help grow student participation rates

In the 2015-2016 Academic Year...

417 Students Offenders participated in a CURJ conference compared to 352 from the 2014-2015 Academic Year and 267 from 2013-2014 Academic Year

CURJ Volunteers donated approximately 500 hours of volunteer service to the program

Student Offenders completed approximately 2000 hours of reparative work as a result of their CURJ conference

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CURJ by the Numbers

93% of Students Agree “this program taught me more than I expected”

97% of Students Agree “CURJ helped them understand their role in the Boulder community”

96% of Students Agree “I learned things that will help me to make better choices for myself in the future”

98% of Students Agree “CURJ is an effective means of dealing with student violations in Boulder”

100% of Students that went through a Fake ID conference agree “CURJ is an effective means of dealing with student violations in Boulder”

What do students think?

- “I really enjoyed this opportunity. This program is very well handled and is very helpful to me for making amends for my actions. Thank you!”
- “Great way to deal with issues students come across! Very personal, very respectful and courteous”
- “I was nervous about the conference and if I would be able to explain my situation clearly. However, the members of the circle and CURJ were very helpful getting through the conference.”
- “This was a great experience for me, very refreshing. Good to explain what happened!”
- “Very informative; feel I have a purposeful mission for the community”
- “I want to thank everyone involved, it gave me a good and different perspective on this whole situation and I am very grateful.”

What’s Next for CURJ?

Research Project- CURJ is going to take its evaluation and assessment a step further. In the coming academic year CURJ will be launching a project to uncover how CURJ supports student development.

Fraternity Conference- When a Fraternity is ticketed with a Noise/Nuisance ticket and the president participates in a CURJ conference, the learning is not always broadened to all those involved. CURJ will be partnering with community and CU stakeholders to enhance the impact of CURJ to an entire fraternity.

Facilitator Training- CURJ will institute a more comprehensive training for its facilitators. Newly trained facilitators will receive training that meets the state standards for RJ facilitators, strengthening the impact of future CURJ conferences.