Colorado College, a private liberal arts school in Colorado Springs, has named seven new members to its board of trustees. The new members, all alumni, are: Jerome DeHerrera, Ian Griffis, Ryan Haygood, Jeff Keller, Eric Mellum, John Troubh, and student trustee James Lonergan, a rising senior.

They were appointed to the board at the group’s June 26 meeting in Colorado Springs.

DeHerrera is a 1997 CC graduate from Westminster and works as deputy general counsel for Denver Public Schools, handling matters related to civil rights, charter schools, transactions and litigation. He also is a member of the Colorado College Alumni Association Board. Previously, he served on the board of directors for the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association.

Griffies, a 1985 CC graduate, co-founded his first company, Griffis Blessing Inc., with fellow classmate Buck Blessing during their senior year at CC. He sold his interest in 1997 and went on to co-found Denver-based Griffis Residential in 2004 with CEO David Birnbaum (CC class of 1983). He is executive chairman of the multifamily investment company, overseeing the firm's three private equity funds and an apartment community portfolio comprised of more than 6,000 apartments in Colorado, Nevada and Texas.

During the 1990s, Griffis acted as a consultant for the expansion of the college’s east campus under President Gresham Riley, a project that eventually included the Spencer Center, Cascade Medical Building (the current Cornerstone Arts Center location), and the CC Inn, and oversaw the management of most of these off-campus properties for CC. Griffis is responsible for organizing four separate conservation easements in Douglas County, including the 800-acre Lincoln Mountain Open Space that is now open to the public.

Haygood graduated cum laude in 1997 and earned a law degree from the University of Colorado School of Law. One of the nation’s leading civil rights advocates, he is president and CEO of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice and served as deputy director of litigation at the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.

Keller, a 1991 graduate from Burlington, Wis., is a principal at TK Capital Partners, a family-owned and operated firm focused on direct investing in businesses. The firm has offices in Chicago and Lake Geneva, Wis.

Mellum is the current president of the Colorado College Alumni Association Board. Upon graduating from CC in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics, he started his career as a system engineer for EDS Corporation. Today, Mellum owns a business intelligence and information management consulting firm in the Minneapolis area where he lives with his wife, Jennifer.

New York City resident Troubh graduated in 1979 and is co-founder and CEO of Troubh Partners, an investment partnership established in 1996. He is a member of the executive committee of the Board of City Parks Foundation, which provides free and accessible arts, sports, education and community-building programs within New York City.
Lonergan, from Dallas, is the 2015-16 student trustee. He is involved in a wide range of activities such as President's Council, Honor Council and varsity basketball.

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