

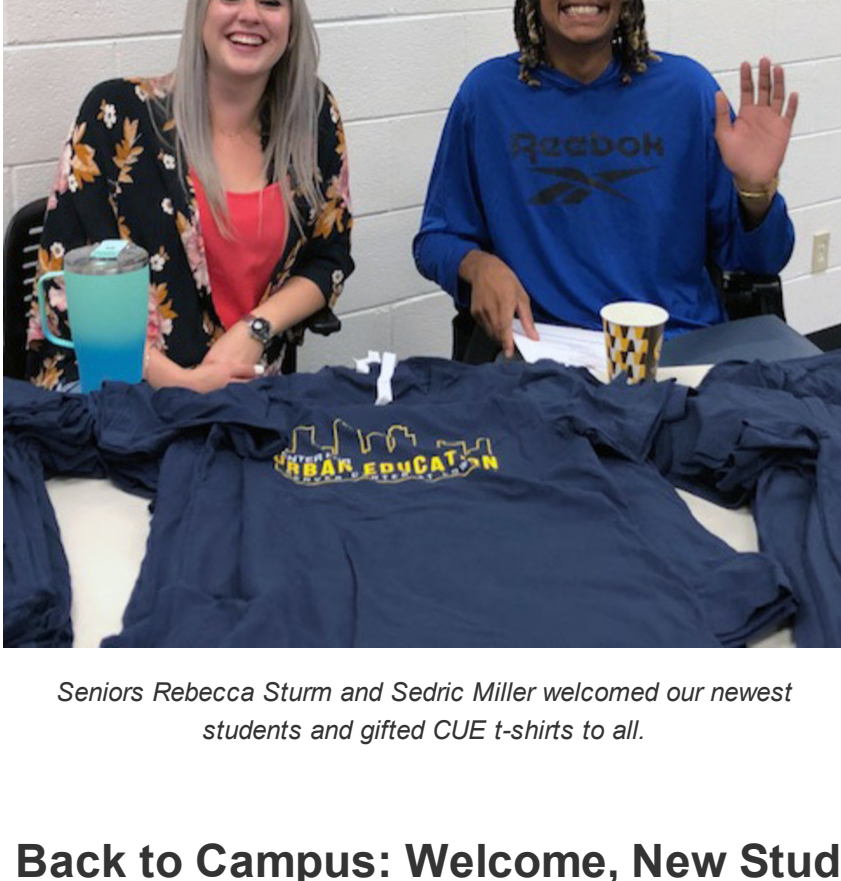


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Seniors Rebecca Sturm and Seditic Miller welcomed our newest students and gifted CUE t-shirts to all.

Thinking about Becoming a Teacher?

The UNC Center for Urban Education (CUE) is enrolling new students for the spring 2021 semester through December.

Call Dr. Rosanne Fulton, Director, at 303-637-4334 or email her for more information.

Watch our short video to learn more about the CUE teacher-preparation program.

[Watch Video](#)

Back to Campus: Welcome, New Students!

On August 7, 2021, the [UNC Center for Urban Education](#) (CUE) held an in-person orientation and welcome breakfast for our newest students. Director Dr. Rosanne Fulton spoke to the group about holding high expectations for themselves and encouraged the new students to count on faculty, mentors, and their cohort for extensive support.

Four current students talked about their experience at the Center, including the strong sense of community and applying what they learn the very next morning in their own classrooms. Finally, Professor Roger Chow led the group through a discussion of what it means to show care for students.

We asked three of the new students to tell us a bit about themselves and why they want to be teachers. Thanks to Jazmin Osorio, Beth Combs, and Tasha Snyder for participating. And welcome to all of our new students!

Jazmin Osorio

On why she became a teacher:

Osorio has known since elementary school that she wanted to be a teacher. Her family moved to California from Veracruz, Mexico, when she was six years old. In first grade, she focused on learning English. In second grade, her teacher described her as a "mini teacher" and enlisted her help. Osorio facilitated small groups and made sure students understood the concepts. Osorio said, "Before that, I was the quiet kid with no friends. My teacher brought me out of my shell and made me feel safe."

All of Osorio's teachers were extremely supportive. They set goals for her and kept her on track, and they gave that level of support to every student. Osorio wants to give back to the community what her teachers gave to her.



New student Jazmin Osorio recently moved to Colorado from Orange, California, where she earned an associate's degree in elementary education and a certificate in bilingual teaching.

On working with young children:

Osorio loves the connections she makes with her students and learning where they're coming from. "Being able to speak two languages helps me communicate with students and their families and understand the reasons behind why they do what they do," she said.

On why she chose to transfer to the Center for Urban Education:

Osorio says she wanted to be part of a small program (as compared to where she was going to school in California)—a program where she can get involved and have a positive impact on her cohort. She also wanted to be able to use English and Spanish when teaching, and she can do that in the classrooms in this community.

Interesting fact:

Osorio is allergic to more than 50 substances—including sunlight—and says the sun is much stronger in Colorado than where she's from!

Tasha Snyder

On why she became a teacher:

Snyder was 10 years old when her passion for teaching started shining through. Whether she was babysitting or teaching kids how to do something new, she saw what a lasting and positive difference she could make in children's lives.



Tasha Snyder lives by the motto, "No one can tell you what you are capable of—only you can."

On working with young children:

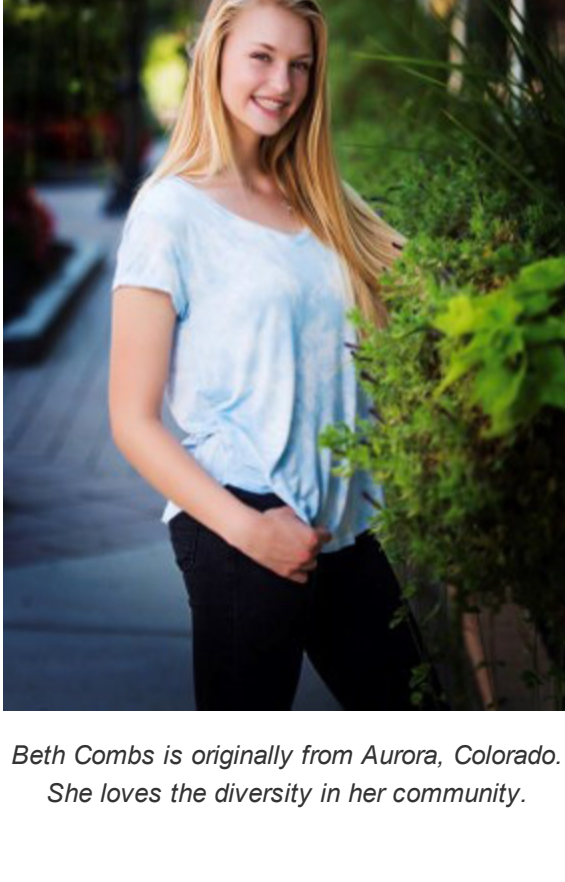
Snyder most loves seeing how children grow—not just academically, but in all aspects. "I love to watch their personalities come to life and see them get one step closer to becoming who they want to be," Snyder said.

On how she chose the program at the Center for Urban Education:

Snyder was attracted to the "amazing" programs UNC and the Center for Urban Education offer for her field of interest. She feels that the resources she has access to will ensure her success in college. "I can't wait to be part of such an engaging community," added Snyder.

Interesting fact:

Snyder recently went to Hawaii, where she tried zip lining and snorkeling for the first time. She doesn't know how to swim and had to conquer her fear of the water, but she now loves snorkeling and considers herself an adventurous person.



Beth Combs is originally from Aurora, Colorado. She loves the diversity in her community.

Beth Combs

On why she was drawn to teaching as a career:

Combs' mother was a teacher, so it felt natural to go into teaching herself. She knows she likes kids, because she worked as a babysitter for many years and enjoyed the experience. She also feels that the social work classes she took before feeling her major to education will help her be more effective in the classroom.

On working with young children:

Combs loves how kids are always curious about the world around them. She appreciates their genuine excitement about learning and their penchant for asking "the funniest questions."

On why she chose the program at the Center for Urban Education:

Combs was intrigued by the ability to gain work experience as a paraprofessional in a public school while earning her degree.

Interesting fact:

Combs shattered her patella a few years ago while playing soccer. Her team still won the game, though!

This fall, we welcome 32 new students to the UNC Center for Urban Education. Fulton said, "We embrace the new members of our community warmly. It is so wonderful to once again meet with all of our students in face-to-face classes!"

If you're interested in becoming a teacher, [contact us](#) to start the conversation.

Congrats to Scholarship Awardees

In early May, Center for Urban Education students Tatyana Ulrich and Rebecca Sturm were each awarded a P.E.O. Chapter GK Scholarship in the amount of \$3,430. P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization comprised of female members. Their purpose is to help other women "reach for the stars."



Scholarship awardee Rebecca Sturm with her students at Doull Elementary, a part of Denver Public Schools

This scholarship is awarded to exceptional high school graduating women to help them attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution. The money was deposited in each student's tuition fund and will be used to pay fall 2021 tuition. Ulrich and Sturm will complete their degree programs this school year and graduate in December and May, respectively.

The faculty and mentors at the Center for Urban Education congratulate you both on your prestigious achievement!



Scholarship awardee Tatyana Ulrich

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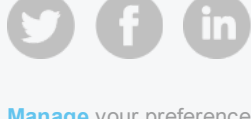
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