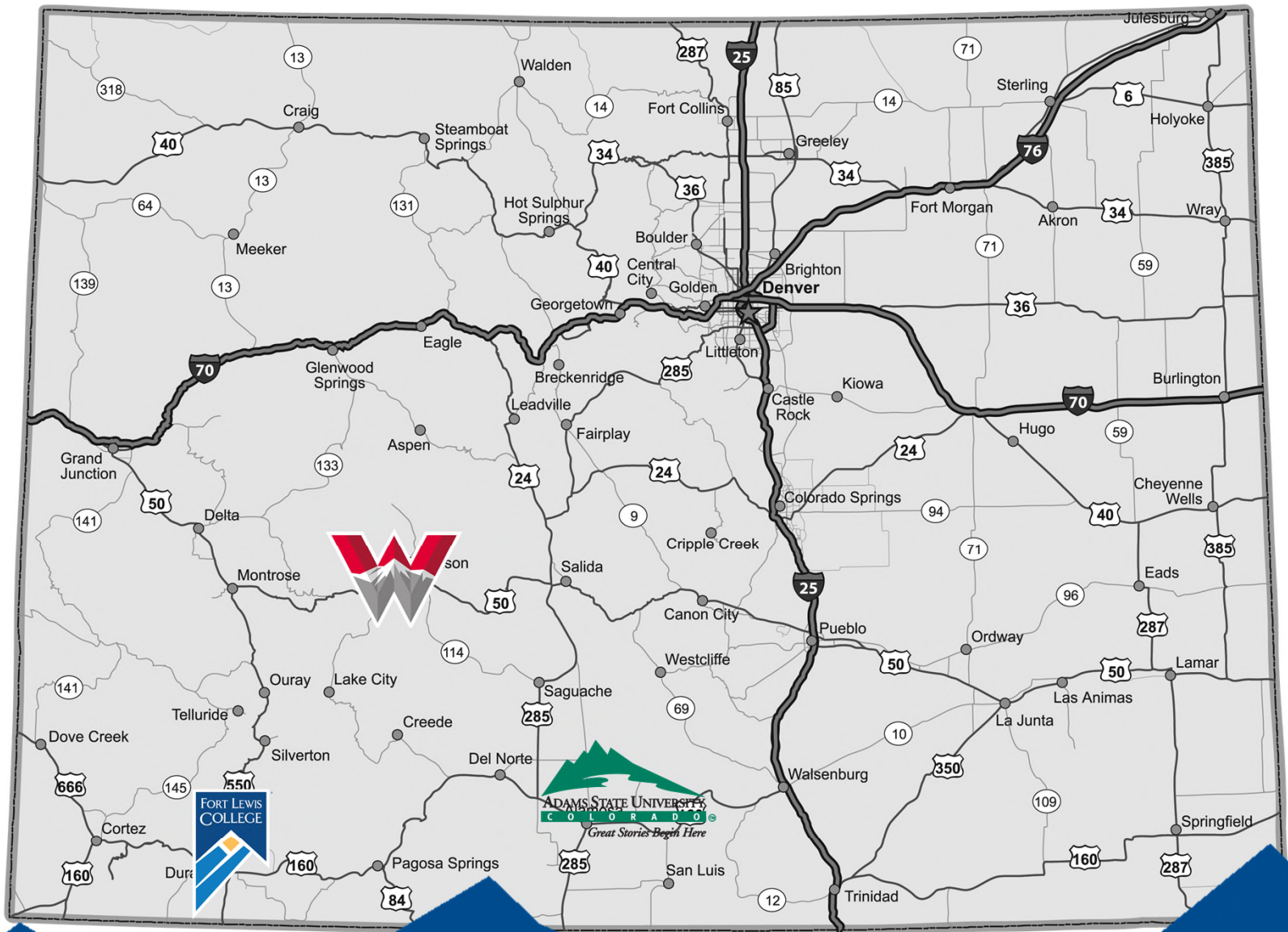




AFFORDABILITY, ACCESS, & STUDENT SUCCESS

September 17, 2019







54%

students of color

30%

first generation

39%

Pell eligible





VALUES

We're putting students at the center of everything we do

- Affordability is a priority
- We're providing access with integrity
- We're reshaping the student experience

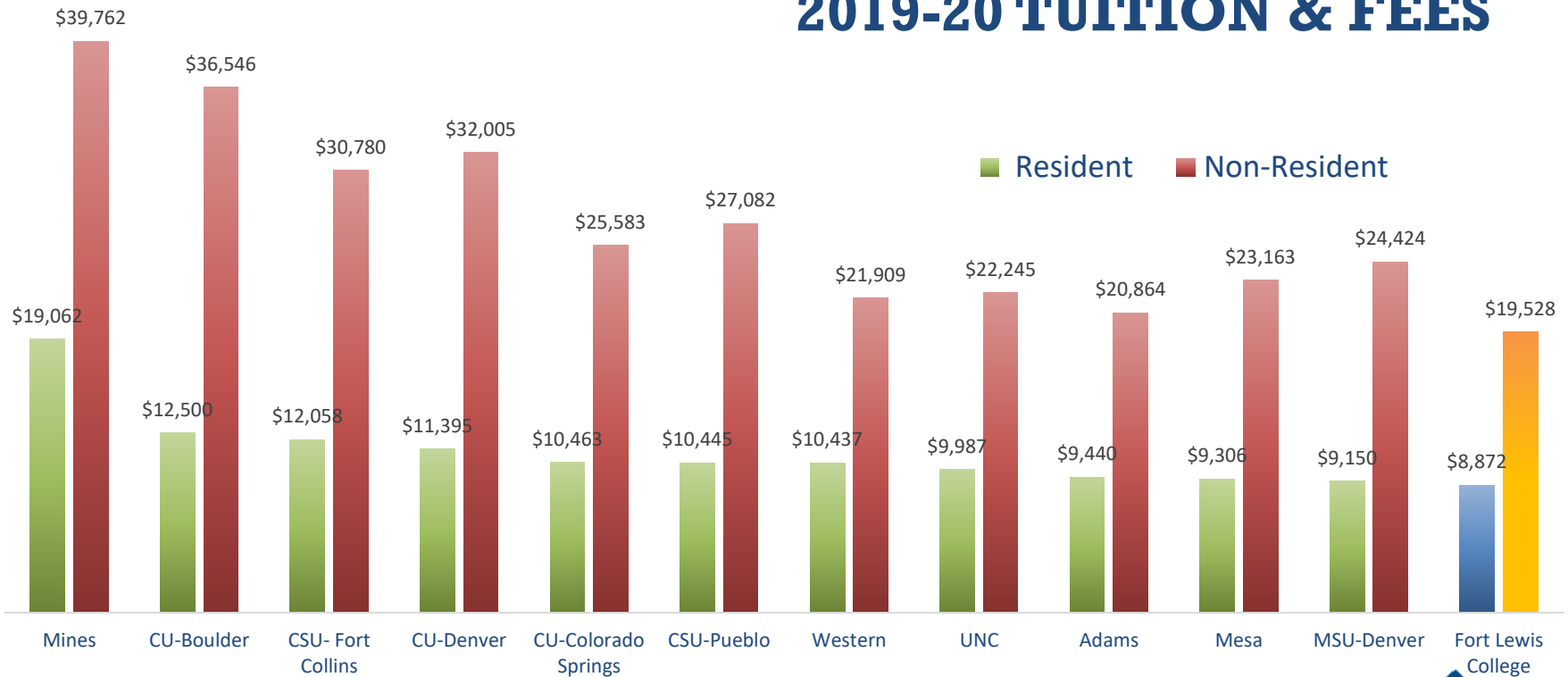
We're committed to the Western Slope and students from rural communities





AFFORDABILITY IS A PRIORITY

2019-20 TUITION & FEES



ACCESS WITH INTEGRITY: STUDENT SUCCESS

- Social, academic, and cultural support from centers, advising, and TRIO programs
- Access to high-level undergraduate research and a significant grants portfolio
- Increased educational pathways to FLC through relationships with K-12 and community college partners



RESHAPING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

AT THE PROSPECTIVE STUDENT LEVEL (APPLICATION)

- Reducing barriers to application completion and enrollment
 - Accepting unofficial scores
 - De-hassling entry/Supplemental academic instruction
- Reducing financial burdens
 - Waived application fee for approximately 80% of students
 - Encouraging concurrent enrollment
 - Scholarships





RESHAPING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

AT THE CURRENT STUDENT LEVEL (RETENTION)

- Easing the business of being a student with Skyhawk Station
- Reducing notification overload with centralized communications
- Increasing mentor relationships with First-Year Launch
- Increasing family connections by subsidizing Family Orientation
- Internships and student employment



RESHAPING THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

AT THE CURRENT STUDENT LEVEL (RETENTION)

- Addressing financial concerns
 - Addressing food insecurity (Grub Hub food pantry and hot meals)
 - Offering persistence grants to help with unexpected barriers
- Addressing mental health concerns
 - Including free counseling sessions for every student – no student ever turned away regardless of ability to pay



FISCAL CHALLENGES FOR FLC

- COST CHALLENGES
 - Dichotomy of rural + resort communities
 - Cost of living and transportation
 - Student challenges
 - Faculty and staff challenges
- SIZE OF INSTITUTION
 - Lack economies of scale
 - Small departments have hiring challenges
 - Availability and retention of faculty/staff



COST CONTAINMENT STRATEGIES

- HELPING STUDENTS GET TO WHERE THEY WANT TO GO
 - CU-Denver 3-2 Master's Degree in Public History
 - DU 3-2 Master's Degree of Social Work
 - PCC to FLC transfer pathways
 - Supporting students ability to finish in four years
- SYSTEM-LEVEL
 - City of Durango recreation projects
 - Exploring purchasing arrangements/shared back office function
 - IT Capital Request with Adams, Western, FLC
 - Annual and on-going budget reduction and reallocation



SOLUTIONS & IDEAS

- WHAT WE CAN DO

- Improve bundling of financial aid
- Cost containment
- Expand on-campus housing opportunities
- Continue to drive economic development

- WHERE WE NEED HELP

- Increase financial aid
- Funding for innovation pilots
 - Adjunct pool
 - Mental health resources
 - SNAP benefits
- Protect higher ed funding
- Reward collaboration between and amongst us



