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CO-WY AMP’s activities include:

**Bridging:** to facilitate smooth transitions from high school to college; from 2-year colleges to 4-year degree colleges and universities; from academic to professional careers or graduate school.

**Graduate Placement, Outreach, and Tracking:** to assist graduates with placement from 2 year colleges to 4-year degree colleges and universities; to provide outreach activities; to track student achievements.

**Undergraduate Research:** to develop professional skills, critical thinking, and hands-on experiences through research.

**International Programs:** to increase the number of undergraduates engaging in international research and projects.

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**Faculty Professional Development:** to enhance the cultural and diversity awareness of faculty involved with program activities.

**Curriculum Development:** to develop effective teaching strategies in the sciences by modifying STEM courses.

**CO-WY AMP** is an innovative consortium of sixteen institutions of higher learning, comprised of 12 baccalaureate-degree granting institutions, 3 junior colleges and 1 community college, and has associations with two Native American tribes in Colorado (Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute) and two tribes in Wyoming (Northern Arapahoe and Eastern Shoshone).

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Students interested in finding out more about CO-WY AMP and CO-WY AMP programs, please contact Beverly Marquart at beverly.marquart@colostate.edu or call 970-491-6686.