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## An Open Letter of Appreciation to the Kualu Community

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that we at Colorado State University announce that we are live with Kualu Financial System version 3. KFS came up very cleanly and we are at present just idling along on our new, web-based, Service-Oriented Architecture! This is truly a great accomplishment for and by the entire Kualu Community.

We wish to express our heartfelt and profound gratitude to the entire Kualu Community for their extraordinary efforts to assist and support our implementation. A great deal of very significant work and tuning was accomplished over the last several weeks that allowed us to come up cleanly and problem free. These most recent efforts built upon the very earlier strong code base. We are especially deeply indebted to

- \* Brad Wheeler, Jim Thomas, and Indiana University for their leadership and consummate management skills
- \* The Kualu Community for its vision, dedication and efforts on behalf of the Community
- \* RSmart (indeed, they "are smart") for their vision, support and invaluable assistance
- \* The University of Arizona for developing the PCard module
- \* Those on-site with us over the past couple of weeks offering their expertise and assistance "shoulder to shoulder" with us (Jonathan Keller, Jerry Neal and Keiko Takahashi)

We wish to acknowledge also the extraordinary efforts of our diligent and dedicated staff at Colorado State University, who have planned, tested and implemented KFS over the past two years (their "night" jobs) while also doing their "day" jobs, most especially

- \* Our project executive directors: Troy Fluharty , Don Hesser and Lynn Johnson
- \* Our project managers: John Hunter and Kevin McHenry
- \* Our project technical support manager: Ken Johnston
- \* Our institutional users, who have embraced and supported this project from the very beginning, and are unflinching in their commitment to community source

Many others, unmentioned above, are very deserving of our thanks. Indeed, this effort has "taken a village," both the local village here at Colorado State University, and the distributed village of the Kualu Community. We are in awe of your dedication, commitment, vision and many other fine talents.

It is our firm belief that Community Source is realizing and will continue to realize its promise, to reduce costs significantly and provide much enhanced functionality for higher education. We are abashed at all of the camaraderie engrained in the Kualu Community, and are very appreciative of the ad hoc, almost instantaneous, support and advice we have received as we have embarked upon this "leap of faith" that is paying off handsomely for us.

We feel honored and privileged to be a member of such an august Community, and we eagerly anticipate equally great things as we implement Kualu Coeus.

With warmest regards and utmost gratitude,  
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