Derby Day Party[1]

Don your best hat, get yourself gussied up and ride on over for the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby as seen on our giant screen. Enjoy a couple of cocktails and a scrumptious array of Derby-themed hors d'oeuvres like Kentucky hot browns, southern style pickled shrimp and Kentucky pecan pie while socializing in a garden party atmosphere.

There will be prizes for best hat and best dressed for both women and men as well as a fantasy race contest and even Derby-themed games. You won't miss a single hoof beat as you marvel at the spectacle that is the Fastest Three Minutes in Sports!

Click here for more info: http://southdenver.cu.edu/events/event/kentucky-derby-party/[2]

CU Scoop on CU-Boulder's Art Museum[3]

Please note there is a charge for this event: $10 CU Advocates and CU Alumni fee $20 General fee CU Scoop is an educational program jointly sponsored by the CU Advocates program in the president's office and the CU Forever Buffs Boulder Alumni Chapter. This program will showcase the CU Art Museum on the CU-Boulder campus. There will be a reception and program by the museum's director and curators as well as student artists. Tours will be given of the exhibits and art vault.

Register here.**[4]**

Therapy dogs take some of the bark and bite out of finals week[5]
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The days leading up to class finals usually are defined by long nights, little sleep and overly caffeinated drinks. But for students and staff at the University of Colorado Boulder Wolf Law Building, it means the dogs are coming.

These are mellow hounds, happy to hang out with stressed-out students for a couple of hours, accepting all the hugs, belly rubs and head pats bestowed upon them. And while the dogs clearly enjoy the attention, it's the young, developing minds that benefit, forgetting all about case law for a few minutes and indulging in a little puppy pleasure.

"Many times I've heard law students say this is their favorite time of the year," said Robyn Copeland, the William A. Wise Law Library's circulation manager. "And it's not because of the finals part."

The canines and their human handlers will be at the Wise Law Library from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 25-29 (Monday through Friday).

It was three years ago that Copeland first coordinated the therapy dog program at the library. The name "Paws to Refresh" was chosen for the program to emphasize the proven positive results that come with interacting with pets. "It lowers blood pressure. This is especially good for people who have dogs back home and are missing them. You can tell who needs that unconditional kind of love," Copeland said.

Studies have proven that petting an animal increases levels of the stress-reducing hormone oxytocin and decreases production of cortisol, a stress hormone. Other benefits of interacting with animals include improved physical and mental health.

Jane Collier, a volunteer coordinator with Therapy Dogs of Boulder County[7], schedules owners and their dogs to

come to the library twice a year during those onerous finals weeks.
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All of the dogs that participate in the library events on campus are registered therapy dogs, meaning they have been screened to ensure they have the necessary temperament and sociability to participate. Most of the teams who visit campus are registered with Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Pet Partners or Therapy Dogs International, Collier said.

At the law library, close to 30 dogs and their owners are available six hours a day for five days. Many of the dogs that participate are people-loving golden retrievers and chocolate Labs. But the library has hosted a variety of breeds, from a Brittany spaniel to a Samoyed to German shepherds.

Programs similar to Paws to Refresh are conducted at five other libraries across the Boulder campus. Copeland said that once other facilities "started getting the buzz, they would email me or stop by to find out more." Copeland would pass them on to Collier to talk about the therapy dog procedure.

Other libraries on campus that host the handler/dog teams with the help of Collier's scheduling are the William M. White Business Library, the Music Library, the Jerry Crail Johnson Earth Sciences and Map, the L.H. Gemmill Library of Engineering, Mathematics and Physics, and Norlin Library.

"College students today are under extreme pressure for a variety of reasons, and their anxiety and stress are compounded during exam time," Collier said. "Just spending a few minutes with one of our therapy dogs, in a nonthreatening environment, where they can reap the benefits of the tactile stimulation of petting a dog, will help to calm the student."

Both Copeland and Collier said they see "repeat customers" at the events, including some first-year law students who attended the first event.

"Dogs provide unconditional love, are nonjudgmental, and accept us for who we are. They are a wonderful example of living in the moment, enjoying life to its fullest, and how to relax," Collier said. "The best part of doing this work is the tremendous reward it provides to all of us – student, dog and handler. The students tell us repeatedly how much better they feel. I had one student say to me, 'This is by far the best thing the university has ever done for us.'"

Leaders in inclusiveness chosen for President's Diversity Awards[9]

The University of Colorado President's Diversity Award recipients and commendation recipients have been selected for academic year 2016.

The award provides recognition to a student, a faculty member, a staff member and an academic or administrative unit for their outstanding contributions to diversity and inclusion. Award recipients will receive a monetary award of $2,000.

The recognition for the recipients will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 29, at 1800 Grant St. All members of the university community are welcome to attend. For event details and registration, please click here.[10]

The 2016 President's Diversity Award recipients are:
Student Award
William Mundo, undergraduate student, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS), CU Denver
William Mundo is an active member of the CU Denver community who has contributed to enhancing campus diversity via student leadership. His roles include membership on Student Government Association and CLAS committees, as well as campus club participation. Most notably, he served as a student representative for the Council on Diversity and Inclusion, which was composed largely of faculty and staff. He's credited with aiding in the support of students with diverse identities, international students, mentorship and retention efforts. CU Denver accolades earned by Mundo include: the 2014 Student Leader of the Year; the Rosa Parks Diversity Award; and the Cesar Peace and Justice

Leadership Award.
Faculty Award
Donna L. Parrish, assistant professor, The Kempe Center, CU Anschutz Medical Campus
Through her work in the Kempe Center at CU Anschutz and in the community, Donna L. Parrish strives to help racially and ethnically diverse children in child protective systems of Colorado. In her nomination, Parrish is noted to have committed more than two decades of service in "raising awareness and generating solutions concerning disproportionality and disparities in child-serving systems." A critical effort developed by her is the Roots of Change Hair-A-Thon. Under her leadership, the program partners with community businesses and organizations to offer haircuts, hairstyling and hair care education to participants, all of whom are in child foster care. The program provides the children free access to culturally relevant skin- and hair-care resources, since many of the youth do not reside in a community that can provide sufficient culturally appropriate cosmetology and/or barber services. In 2015, the Kempe Center and the Mykal Grant Salon partnered with the Colorado Office of Children, Youth and Families, Denver Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children and Denver Department of Human Services, to name a few. Through the years, the program has expanded from 10 participants to over 40; Parrish and her team aim to double its outreach in 2016.
Staff Award
David Aragon, executive director, Office of Diversity, Equity and Community Engagement, CU-Boulder
For 25 years, David Aragon has served as a CU-Boulder staff member dedicated to the university and its diversity efforts. His commitment to inclusive excellence involves building networks and collaborations across the campus such as the CU LEAD Alliance, a network of 12 academic learning communities whose students, faculty and staff are united to promote diversity, learning and student success. He has helped to launch programs such as the I Have a Dream Foundation of Boulder County Summer Internship Program on the Boulder campus, the Crowley Foundation Boys2MEN Leadership Summit and the Vamos Bufalos outreach in Colorado Springs and Pueblo. He has partnered with alumni and donors, companies and nonprofit organizations to secure CU students with opportunities in regard to scholarships, and internships and employment. One example nationally is the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME). Aragon's colleagues note that his efforts to advance diversity go well beyond his regular responsibilities because of his extensive work throughout the community.
Unit Award
Office of Veteran and Military Student Affairs, UCCS
The Office of Veteran and Military Student Affairs (OVMSA) has helped the UCCS campus become increasingly accommodating for student veterans. The OVMSA has participated in a CU systemwide effort, Veterans Education Training and Support (V.E.T.S.), to raise awareness and give context to those providing educational opportunities for student veterans as diverse members of the university community. More than 300 faculty and staff have participated. Some of the office's initiatives include the Digital Veteran Stories Project, a podcast project documenting student veterans' experiences; the V.E.T.S. training program, which is available in the CU employee training resource, SkillSoft; and the CU system cultural diversity video series "A Place for You at CU." Staff members of the OVMSA, Phillip Morris and Heather Kling, were recipients of a 2014 CU Diversity and Excellence Grant titled, "Creative Collaborations: Utilizing peer mentoring to improve student-veteran college adjustment and success."

2016 COMMENDATIONS
Arthur Antoine, graduate student, College of Engineering and Applied Science, CU-Boulder **Ben Shapiro,** assistant professor, ATLAS Institute, CU-Boulder **Vanessa R. Roman,** assistant director, Office of Admissions, CU-Boulder **Student Academic Success Center,** CU-Boulder **Pathways to Excellence in Media and Communication,** CU-Boulder

State budget advances[11]

The state Legislature on Friday made official its OK of the 2016-17 budget, which now advances to Gov. John Hickenlooper for his signature.

In its final form, the Long Bill[12] kept funding flat for higher education – an improvement over the governor's original draft, which detailed cuts that would affect the University of Colorado and other institutions. As it stands, CU will realize

an increase of $1.8 million via the state's higher education funding allocation formula.

The CCHE allocation model also triggers $1.4 million in additional funding for CU financial aid.

"CU is very grateful for the hard work on the budget by the Joint Budget Committee and legislators," said Tanya Kelly-Bowry, vice president of government relations. "We thank them for avoiding funding cuts to higher education."

The state budget also potentially could bring $8 million in funding for building renovations for the planned National Cyber Intelligence Center at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs. That piece of the budget is dependent on accompanying legislation that has not yet advanced.

Also remaining in flux is the status of the hospital provider fee. The proposal being considered by lawmakers would reclassify the fee so that it doesn't count against the state's revenue limit; it's designed to alleviate potential future cuts to higher education, transportation and other priorities.

The current legislative session is scheduled to continue through May 11.

Funding opportunity: Call for research projects[13]

The President's Teaching and Learning Collaborative: Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (PTLC) invites proposals for 2016-17 research projects that will deepen student learning in higher education.

Faculty from all CU colleges, schools, disciplines and professional programs are eligible to apply. Successful proposals will receive stipends of $1,550.

This call includes participation for a maximum of two years.

In addition to individual proposals, the PTLC wishes to consider proposals from two faculty researchers representing two different disciplines. Because interdisciplinary research has strong advantages for learners as well as for innovative pedagogies, we invite them. If accepted, one budget or $1,550 will be allowed and the two faculty researchers will teach together in each class as opposed to teaching alone. Contact the PTLC Research Assistant at ptlc@colorado.edu[14] for additional information.

All application materials must be submitted electronically in attached Word or PDF documents to ptlc@colorado.edu [14] by May 18. Applicants will be notified on June 1.

For more information and application guidelines please visit: www.colorado.edu/ptsp/ptlc/index.html[15]

Months of 'Shakespeare at CU' events kick off with April 23 birthday bash[16]

Campus events to showcase Earth Week through Sunday[17]

UCCS prominent in launch of National Cyber Intelligence Center[18]

Sullivan studies housing equality and the devastating effects mobile home park evictions have on individuals and entire communities[19]

Consortium takes lead on studying climate change effects on health[20]

CCTSI launches careers of young researchers[21]

Dancer, artist Michelle Ellsworth awarded Guggenheim Fellowship[22]

Fenell named fellow of American Counseling Association[23]

Fuhlbrigge to join School of Medicine[24]

Anne Fuhlbrigge will become the University of Colorado School of Medicine's next Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for University Physicians Inc. (UPI), beginning June 2016.

Fuhlbrigge currently is clinical chief of pulmonary and critical care medicine and vice chair of ambulatory specialty services at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and assistant professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. She brings a distinguished record of service that includes steering committees at the Brigham, as co-investigator on several large multi-institutional projects, and on national and international programs and committees evaluating treatment strategies and implications for health policy management.

Additionally, her husband, Robert Fuhlbrigge, also will join the School of Medicine faculty. He is an associate professor of pediatrics and dermatology at Harvard Medical School and he will be heading the pediatric rheumatology practice at Children's Hospital Colorado and will be a member of the Department of Pediatrics.

Doug Jones will step down as senior associate dean for Clinical Affairs, a post he has held since 2010. Jones has been a crucial leader in building relationships between the School, hospital partners and exceptional faculty.

Staff retirement fetes planned[25]

Retirement celebrations are scheduled for two longtime UCCS staff members April 20 and April 27.

Fourth Annual Moderator's Ball – Rock-out to Knockout Cancer[26]

Rock-out to Knock-Out Cancer: Fourth Annual Moderators Ball benefiting University of Colorado Cancer Center

Cancer touches all of us at some point in our lives. For Ed Haselden, the experience was personal – a stage 3 cancer diagnosis. Now that he has beaten his cancer, he wants to help others do the same.

Haselden's band, The Moderators, is holding its Fourth Annual Moderators Ball at the Ogden Theatre. The goal is to raise $500,000 at Rock-Out to Knockout Cancer, a good old-fashioned rock concert. Special guest:Tracksuit Wedding. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go towards molecular and immunotherapy research at University of Colorado Cancer Center.

https://uch.thankyou4caring.org/rockout[27]

Colorado Music Hall of Fame inducts Glenn Miller, 5 others at CU event[28]

With dandelions out in force, CU-Boulder gets hands-on with weed removal[29]

Catalyst signs three big-name tenants for RiNo health-tech campus[30]

New veteran and military student center underway[31]

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