Unboxing a new year[1]

CU campuses in recent days celebrated the arrival of students as the fall 2025 semester gets underway.

Student move-in days brought surges of energy to CU Denver, UCCS and CU Boulder, where Lynx, Mountain Lions and Buffs were supported by family, friends and members of the CU community.

President Todd Saliman was on hand at each of the three campuses, meeting and greeting new students.

Move-in is only the beginning of fall welcome activities across the three campuses.

At CU Denver, where classes began Monday, the CU Denver Block Party[2] is a free and public annual back-to-school event connecting the campus community with city partners. It's set for noon-3 p.m. today.
[3]

At CU Boulder, where classes begin today, fall welcome events[4] are slated through early September. At UCCS, several activities are scheduled through Saturday as part of Clyde's Kickoff[5]; classes begin Monday.
[6]

A benefit that builds futures: CU staff and faculty turn educational goals into real-world results [7]

Legislative changes to student loan repayment make now the time to act [8]

Tenure list: August 2025[9]

The CU Board of Regents on Aug. 6 approved 22 tenure appointments and awards.

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Effective Aug. 6, 2025

Appointments with tenure:
Rebecca A. Ihrie, Pediatrics, School of Medicine **Jonathan Michael Irish,** Pediatrics, School of Medicine **Ihab R. Kamel,** Radiology, School of Medicine
Awards of tenure:
John Bankston, Physiology and Biophysics, School of Medicine **Saketh Ram Guntupalli,** Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine **Cari R. Levy,** Medicine, School of Medicine **Rebecca L. McCullough,** Pharmaceutical Sciences, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences **Natalie Virginia Schwatka,** Environmental and Occupational Health, Colorado School of Public Health
CU Denver

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Appointments with tenure:
Erin Orrick, School of Public Affairs **David Rifkind,** Architecture, College of Architecture and Planning

UCCS

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Appointment with tenure:
William Wells, Criminal Justice, College of Public Service
CU Boulder

Effective Aug. 14, 2025

Appointments with tenure:
Alan Bovik, Professor, Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering (ECEE), College of Engineering and Applied Science **Bryan Choi,** Associate Professor, School of Law **Bethany Ehlmann,** Professor, Geological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences **Shivendranath Ganesh,** Professor, Communication, College of Media, Communication and Information **Steven D. Jacobsen,** Professor, Geological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences **Ann Lipton,** Professor, School of Law **Govind Persad,** Associate Professor, School of Law **Shanti Catherine Simon,** Professor, College of Music **Ann Stevens,** Professor, Economics, College of Arts and Sciences **Amanda Thein,** Professor, School of Education **Hong Tien Vu,** Associate Professor, Journalism, College of Media, Communication and Information

AB Nexus announces 2025 grant awards with an emphasis on quantum-focused research collaborations [10]

UCCS hosts Colorado Council of Deans in Education conference [11]

Engineering that changes lives: CU Denver faculty leads breakthrough in prosthetics [12]

Raised with pets? Your immune system remembers[13]

VA secretary tours nation-leading Marcus Institute for Brain Health [14]

Federal transition update: ED DEI Ruling, more[15]

From Aug. 15, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on the ED DEI Ruling, ED Clarification on Enhanced Admissions Data, NIH Proposed Rule Prohibiting Certain Gender Data Collection, and ED/DOL/DOC Joint Workforce Strategy Report.

Click here to read the post.[16]

From Aug. 8, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on the ED Memo on Admissions Data, EO on Federal Grantmaking, NSF Grant Cancellation Lawsuit, GAO Update on Pocket Recissions, GAO Report on NIH Grant Cancellations, ED Under Secretary Confirmation, and Investigations and Frozen Funds at UCLA/Duke.

Click here to read the post.[17]

For the latest communications and federal memos, please visit the CU System Federal Transitions Updates[18] page.

CU Connections resumes weekly publication[19]

With today's issue, CU Connections resumes its regular weekly publication schedule for the 2025-26 academic year.

New editions are scheduled for publication each Thursday throughout the year. During the summer, new editions appear every other week.

Connections will not publish new issues on Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Deadline for submissions is noon Friday before each Thursday's publication.

Questions: Contact Connections editor Jay Dedrick, jay.dedrick@cu.edu[20], 303-968-8768.

Skop named Interim Vice Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor[21]

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Henze honored as IBPSA fellow for building simulation research [23]

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