

[Lost arts live at Trades Teaching Lab](#)<sup>[1]</sup>

On a 90 degree day, a basement on the CU-Boulder campus might ordinarily hold the promise of a cooler retreat from summer heat. But at the Duane Physics building, instructor Herb Beaven and his five students are swathed in bulky layers of clothing to brave the aura of a 6,400-degree oxygen-acetylene welding torch.

“What we teach here is not part of a degree,” Beaven says. “And it doesn’t matter if you’re in engineering or art – you can come and make something.”

There was a time when shop class was a mainstay in American high schools, where students could learn and practice useful trade skills with myriad real-world applications.

There also was a time when machine shops – with the tools and heavy machinery needed to fabricate practical items with metal, wood and plastic – dotted the CU-Boulder campus.

Both have faded from view over the years. Education funding cuts and evolving workforce needs had a lot to do with that in public schools – and no doubt in higher education, too. After an accident in a shop on campus, CU-Boulder’s Risk Management reviewed liability and determined that safety training was inadequate. All the small department level shops were shuttered.

All but this one, that is.

“Physics needed a shop,” says Craig Joy, lab supervisor of the Trades Teaching Lab in the Department of Physics. Sid Gustafson established the shop in 1994, with Joy taking over upon Gustafson’s retirement three years ago.

“We’ve heard quite often from current and former students that they didn’t even know we existed, but somehow heard about what we offer here,” says Beaven, who teaches the lab’s welding technology course. It includes lessons in MIG, oxy/fuel, TIG, flux-cored arc welding, plasma cutting, spot welding and spool gun welding.

On the same afternoon that Beaven is detailing fine points of Shielded Metal Arc Welding, elsewhere in the lab, two graduate students from integrated physiology are concentrating on ambitious projects small and large. Annemiek Lubberts guides a lathe to make nylon washers for an artificial knee, while Bryant Pham is milling pieces for a treadmill that will accommodate cross country skiers.

Besides providing the locale and tools where students can create their widgets, Beaven and Joy also provide guidance and advice. They teach small classes – maximum six students – which also are offered to CU faculty and staff and community members in Boulder and beyond.

“We teach everybody,” Joy says. The lab now serves up to 200 learners annually, ranging from physics, engineering and art students – many looking for welding lessons from Beaven – to employees of outside entities, including nearby research entities and corporations such as Ball. About 90 percent of the lab’s clientele come from university departments; about 10 percent from the community.

The lab charges \$200 for 10 hours of instruction (two hours on five consecutive days). There’s no charge during open lab hours, when users are offered access to tools and machinery so long as they provide their own materials. There’s even a bicycle frame jig, fabricated in the lab, which enables students who have taken machining or welding to apply the skills to their bikes.

“We teach the science and practice,” says Joy. “Hands-on, applied skills like these are a forgotten part of STEM.

“We make sure they can run the machines and run them safely,” he adds, noting no major injuries have happened for over 20 years. “And we really stress practice, because if you don’t practice, you don’t retain what you learn.”

As of July, the Physics Trade Teaching Lab is offering online registration for its courses; click here for details. Contact the lab at [pttl@colorado.edu](mailto:pttl@colorado.edu)<sup>[2]</sup> or 303-492-8545.

[CU-Boulder awarded \\$3 million for transformational power plant cooling technology](#)[3]

The University of Colorado Boulder has received a \$3 million federal grant to develop cooling technology that will enable efficient, low-cost supplementary cooling for thermoelectric power plants.

The grant spans three years and is from the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E).

The CU-Boulder research team, led by Ronggui Yang, associate professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Science, will develop cold storage modules and a system called RadiCold that cools by infrared thermal emission to enable efficient, low-cost supplementary cooling for thermoelectric power generation.

If successful, CU-Boulder's design could provide power plant operators a low-cost way to supplement cooling without using as much water as they do now.

"I am confident that we will be successful in developing this novel cooling technology that could be useful for both power plants and buildings," said Yang.

In thermoelectric power generation, only 40 percent of the energy in the fuel is used for power generation. The remaining 60 percent becomes low-grade heat that needs to be carried away by cooling systems.

There are two types of cooling systems: wet and dry. Wet-cooling systems use water resources such as a river, lake or ocean and pass it directly over tubes containing condenser water, and then return it, warmer, to the original source. Dry-cooling systems use air to cool condenser water.

Most U.S. power plants use wet-cooling technologies because water can cool better than air, which allows power plants to operate more efficiently.

In fact, thermo-electric power plants are among the biggest consumers of fresh water in the world. Forty-one percent of total fresh water withdrawal - about 139 billion gallons per day - is used to cool condenser water. Three percent of the cooling water is evaporated and lost. This has an enormous environmental impact, especially in areas already suffering from fresh water shortages. These systems also release heat waste into the environment, which adversely affects wildlife, said Marta Zgagacz, of the University of Colorado's Office of Technology Transfer and part of the team that will evaluate the commercialization potential of this innovative technology.

Researchers say dry cooling has the potential to significantly reduce water consumption, but the high cost and low efficiency of current technologies discourage their use.

Improved air-cooled heat exchangers can help overcome these challenges. Since air-cooled heat exchangers can only cool water temperatures as low as the surrounding temperature, supplemental cooling technologies - such as RadiCold - are needed to further decrease water temperatures in certain conditions.

Methods to cool a building roof by sending long-wavelength infrared light into the dark night sky have been known for a long time. However, cooling under direct sunshine, and more critically, manufacturing these cooling systems in a scalable and cost-effective way are areas ripe for research, said Co-Principal Investigator Xiaobo Yin, an assistant professor in both mechanical engineering and in the materials science and engineering program.

A RadiCold surface, which is a metal-coated micro-structured polymer, reflects sunlight and allows radiative cooling through infrared thermal emission for both day- and night-time power plant operation.

Using the new system, a passive zero-energy consumption thermal syphon will collect cold water in a local storage unit beneath the RadiCold surface while a low power consumption pipe network collects the cold water from local storage modules into a central storage system that can be used to cool power plant condensers. Roll-to-roll manufacturing technology will enable effective radiative cooling at a low cost.

"I am excited to work with my colleagues at CU-Boulder to transform innovative materials and component research into engineering systems," said Gang Tan, assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering at the University of Wyoming. "I also foresee great potential in building energy savings by developing cooling roof and ceiling systems using RadiCold surfaces."

In addition to these senior researchers, the team will include three post-doctoral research associates, three doctoral students and a few undergraduate students. Two MBA students from the CU-Boulder Leeds School of Business will work closely with the team on technology to market analysis.

Associate Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship Tony Tong from the CU-Boulder Leeds School of Business is also part of the team that will evaluate the commercialization potential of this innovative technology.

ARPA-E is an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy that invests in disruptive ideas to create America's future energy technologies. For more information on ARPA-E and its innovative project portfolio, please visit <http://www.arpa-e.energy.gov>[4].

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### [Supplier Showcases turn 10 in September](#)[9]

The Procurement Service Center (PSC) proudly announces the 10th anniversary of Supplier Showcase. All CU faculty and staff are invited to attend the systemwide series, which provides the opportunity to meet potential new suppliers and personally greet existing suppliers.

First-time exhibitors include Light Labs, Denver Boulder Couriers, Denville Scientific, Buehler Companies, Hyatt Place, Crested Butte Mountain Resort, and BioMedical Solutions Inc (BSI).

Showcases are popular because they provide an easy way to learn about new technology and gather free samples of new products. PSC staff will be available to answer your questions about fiscal procedures, travel rules, Marketplace and Concur. Stop in to visit with staff from Controller's Offices, Policy and Efficiency, Internal Audit, Risk Management, Sustainability, FinPro Help Desk, and the Elevate Project.

Showcase sponsors Staples, Dell, The Parking Spot, and Xerox will be featured at each event, along with representatives from Colorado Correctional Industries (CCI) and Christopherson Business Travel.

Register now to join the more than 1,200 CU employees that are expected to participate. Registration and Exhibitor List can be found at: <https://www.cu.edu/psc/2015-psc-supplier-showcases>[10]

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**CU-Boulder:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 3, Coors Event Center Practice Gym **CU Colorado Springs:** 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 30, University Center, Berger Hall **CU Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus:** 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 17, Research Center 2, Krugman Conference Hall

[HCM Community members discover new methods to pay employees at upcoming Paying People Workshop](#)[12]

As the University of Colorado prepares for major technology upgrades this November, upcoming HCM Transaction Workshops will showcase new tools and processes that make it easier to pay employees.

Part of the two-year [Elevate](#)[13] project, CU will upgrade its existing Human Resources Management System with Human Capital Management (HCM), an Oracle software that will simplify payroll, time tracking and more. Rollout is slated for early November.

Professionals who use this software – known as the HCM Community – will walk through new payment processes at Paying People workshops, the fifth in a series of six summer training sessions. Workshops will be available on each campus and the System office from **Sept. 3-16**.

The workshop previews changes to PayGroups, which will help to improve efficiencies and accuracy. Department users will see how CU Time works and an upgraded MyLeave system, as well as simplified transactions for different types of payment.

Faster, smarter payment processes

Human resource professionals, managers and others perform different pay transactions based on paygroups. In the current system, payroll transactions are uploaded in “batches,” a time-consuming process that must be approved prior to payroll running.

To speed up this process, HCM will better integrate with MyLeave, CU’s time-tracking system. This means department users will no longer have to create “batch” transactions and can make retroactive time entries that feed directly into payroll. Put simply, corrections to employee’s time will update into their payments automatically.

New earning codes will also help clarify payments. In MyLeave, employees select an earning code, such as earned vacation time, that triggers an approval request from a manager or supervisor. Additional earning codes (such as Family/Medical Leave time) should help HCM users and employees process unique payment situations more accurately.

Department users will also learn about new options to process contract pay, a common payment plan for certain faculty members. HCM will now display details of how much has been paid toward a contract and how much remains, as well as make automatic calculations depending on the contract schedule.

In short, HCM will simplify basic payment tasks and make revisions much easier, saving time for users and speeding up business processes as a whole.

What’s next?

The workshop series covers just about every part of HCM, helping employees retool their skillset for a modern, more agile system.

Following the Paying People workshop, the final training sessions will focus on HCM reviews and reports. Later this fall, key users will have the opportunity to use the system at Structured Labs, where users get hands-on learning experience with structured scripts, and Open Labs, which will provide post-go-live support.

There are only a few spots left for these remaining workshops, so Employee Services recommends registering as soon as possible.

Employee Services recently published an online version of the HCM Overview Workshop – a prerequisite for several of

the advanced workshops. If you're an HCM user who missed this overview, consider taking the virtual course to participate in remaining workshops and catch up before go-live.

How to register for HCM Campus Workshops: Login to the [employee portal](#)[14] On the right-hand menu, click **Training** Click **Start SkillSoft** and enter your login information, if prompted Click **Catalog** Click **CU Instructor-Led Training** (the second folder in the list) Click **Elevate: HCM Campus Workshops** There are six training topics. **Click** on the topic you'd like to attend. Once you've found a training that works for your schedule, click **Enroll** on the furthest column to the right. You'll be emailed an enrollment confirmation, which you can link to your Outlook calendar.

**To access the online HCM Overview Workshop, follow the steps 1-4 above, then:**

Click **University of Colorado - Courses**. Click your campus folder. Select the **HCM** folder. Select the **CU: HCM Overview Workshop** and click **[Launch]** Questions?

Send an email to [HCM\\_Community@cu.edu](mailto:HCM_Community@cu.edu)[15] or visit [www.cu.edu/elevate](http://www.cu.edu/elevate)[16] to learn more about HCM Campus Workshops and the CU Elevate project.

### [CU Denver Block Party kicks off the 2015-2016 academic year](#)[17]

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Kelper Maurer-alcala had zip-lined before, but never in the heart of downtown Denver. For the freshman digital animation major in the College of Arts and Media (CAM), zooming down Lawrence Street was just

"I am meeting a ton of cool people and saw a lot of cool, little booths," Maurer-alcala said. "I love the food trucks. The Block Party has great vibes."

CU Denver's Block Party, held August 20, kicked off the academic year in a big way. In just three hours, more than 3,000 staff, students, faculty and community members gathered on Lawrence St. between Speer and 14th to listen to live music, eat food from nine food trucks and visit 40 booths staffed by CU Denver schools, colleges, and student organizations. Whether they came for free food, to play games, or meet peers in a fun environment, attendees walked away with smiles on their faces.

"It is pretty dope," said India Feaster, junior, ethnic studies major in CAM. "I think it gets everyone together. You definitely meet a lot of people, the professors are feeling good and you're feeling good."

A tense moment

The pressure was on for Justin Nguyen, a junior biology major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, as he held his last beanbag. He was testing his aim at the University Communications booth. The challenge before Nguyen was to throw three bags into the baskets of B-Cycle bikes sporting CU Denver Learn with Purpose branding. He had thrown five, made two and needed to sink one more to win a T-shirt. He took a breath and took his shot. The bag gently arced and landed with a soft thump in the basket. He won.

"The third try I was kind of nervous," Nguyen said. "For my last three throws there was a lot of pressure. Everyone was watching, but I got it!"

The need for speed

"We're hoping our car will top out in the 60-70 mph range," said Richard Wojcik, senior mechanical engineering major.

Wojcik is part of the senior design team from the College of Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS). The team will be building and designing an open-wheeled, open-cockpit, formula-style racecar for SAE International, an intercollegiate competition that sees students designing and building a vehicle to race against other universities.

Looking to recruit more team members, Wojcik and the team brought out last year's car and used the Block Party to recruit team members and raise awareness.

"We're hoping to draw interest from other people to show you don't have to be an engineering student to do something like this," Wojcik said. "It is truly a team effort to get this done. It works out pretty well, because then you

get to put it on a resume.”

Urban campus becomes global experience

A booth sponsored by the ESL Academy and the Global Education offices under the Office of International Affairs let attendees see their names written in several different languages. While students walked away with their names scrawled with colorful ink in Russian and Chinese, staff members hoped they also took something else with them.

“We’re probably the coolest department on campus,” said Kseniya Kreyman, ESL program coordinator.

“We want students to know that they have the opportunity to study abroad here at CU Denver,” said Jessica Tharp, Asia study abroad coordinator. “We have 30 short-term programs led by faculty that take students abroad to other countries.”

Families get in on the fun

Joshua Knight, a CEAS faculty member, had his work cut out for him. He needed to keep track of a tiger, a mouse, a masquerader, and a girl adorned with cherry blossoms. Luckily he had help from his wife, Rachel. They had stopped by a booth featuring face painting, and the kids were loving their alter egos.

“That is the most beautiful face painting I have ever seen in my life,” Knight said.

This is the first year Knight has brought his family along to the Block Party. He planned to show his kids the zip line, play games, and pick up some freebies and treats from the booths. With all of the fun the kids are having, Knight thinks they could be Lynx in the making.

“Our oldest is 11, so they won’t be Lynx anytime soon, but we sure hope so,” Knight said.

Police on the scene

The Auraria Police Department was on site at the Block Party to get to meet the community. Nadine Atencio, Auraria community officer, and other members of the department team were on hand to answer questions, greet guests and deputize some new, young officers.

“I like to talk to kids so they feel comfortable around us,” Atencio said. “A lot of times they see our uniforms and feel intimidated, so we are giving them sticker badges. CU Denver is one of our neighborhoods, so we like to come out and support the school and get to know our community.”

Community coming together

Campus leaders also look forward to the Block Party. Laurence Kaptain, dean of the College of Arts and Media, doesn’t miss the chance to meet students and community members, and be a part of the excitement.

“It inspires me to see how our faculty, staff and students come together with the city and have something like this that is open to everybody,” Kaptain said. “I think it is important for students, especially those from out of state who don’t know a lot of people, to meet folks. I think the informational aspect—the colleges, schools and organizations having the booths—is very helpful. A lot of students come to CU Denver with something specific in mind, but I think it is also good for them to see what is being offered here that they can take advantage of.”

Kaptain also sees the event as a show of how CU Denver is a part of the city.

“I think the Block Party is very symbolic of how easy CU Denver integrates with the city.”

[Photo feature: Faculty and staff welcome Class of 2019 at Mountain Lion Rally](#)[19]

Members of a 1,700-strong freshman class attended Mountain Lion Rally on Aug. 19 at the Gallogly Events Center.

Students participated PlayFair, where they played a rock-paper-scissors championship, were introduced to fraternity and sorority leaders, resident assistants and the Student Government Association, and heard brief remarks by Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak.

After PlayFair, faculty and staff wearing black and gold t-shirts lined the Pedestrian Spine to welcome the new students, who posted their hopes and dreams to six-foot-tall U-C-C-S letters.

#### [New international employees must meet with CU tax specialists](#)[20]

All new University of Colorado international employees—including students, faculty and researchers—must consult with a CU international tax specialist to determine and document their U.S. tax status, and fill out related paperwork.

While it's ideal for employees to schedule these consultations before they receive their first paychecks, the rush of the new semester can delay appointment availability. Please note that appointment delays do not affect employees' ability to work and, when necessary, the Employee Services team may make retroactive payroll adjustments to correct taxed pay that was issued before the tax consultation. Employees do not need to have received their Social Security number to set an appointment.

Please contact your campus I-9 Office for questions about your international employees' employment eligibility.

#### **Scheduling appointments**

Employees can schedule appointments through [the online scheduling system](#)[21]. (Please use a browser other than Internet Explorer 9 to access the online scheduling system.)

#### **What employees should bring**

Employees should be prepared to review their entire history of presence in the United States and corresponding immigration statuses. They should bring their passport, I-94 and immigration documents to the meeting. A Social Security number is not required at the initial appointment.

#### [Golfers Against Cancer event raises \\$140k for research at University of Colorado Cancer Center](#)[22]

Golfers gathered at the Pinehurst Country Club in July 2015 to tee off and support cancer research at the University of Colorado Cancer Center at the seventh annual Golfers Against Cancer tournament and gala.

Golfers Against Cancer is a national organization founded in 1997 by a group of Houston golfers who lost two close friends to cancer. Motivated to raise money for cancer research, the group created an annual golf tournament with a live and silent auction, with proceeds going to fund grants for local cancer researchers. The Denver chapter of Golfers Against Cancer was founded by Scott Pearson.

A spectacular gala kicked off the two day event on July 26. Guests were able to participate in both a silent and live auction while listening to the tunes of Steve Azar throughout the event.

"The gala at Pinehurst Country Club was a great success. We had the largest turnout we have had in the past six years!" says Pearson. "There were some great live auction items such as an Avalanche Suite, a Masters flag autographed by Jordan Spieth, a trip to Hawaii, and trip to Scotland to name a few. There was also a silent auction with many other prizes."

The next day participants took the green early in the morning for the golf tournament.

“The sold out golf tournament at Pinehurst Country Club was a huge success,” says Pearson. “Jeff Farley, a member of the Callaway professional long drive team, entertained everyone with a long drive demo before the tournament. He also was on a hole and the players could use his drive on the hole.”

Proceeds from the event go to research at the CU Cancer Center. The 2015 event raised far beyond what was expected.

“We are thrilled to announce that we exceeded our goal of \$125,000 by raising just over \$140,000 between both events,” says Pearson. “The board will be meeting with the researchers in the next couple of weeks to hear their presentations and then select the projects that will receive the money.”

### [Mike Pritchard Named Vice President, Finance, and Chief Financial Officer of CU Foundation](#)[23]

DENVER – Mike Pritchard has been appointed Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of the University of Colorado Foundation, effective Sept. 14. In his new role, Pritchard will be responsible for all financial and fiscal management aspects of the Foundation’s operations. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado Boulder, where he majored in accounting and received a degree in business administration. Pritchard, a certified public accountant, began his career as an auditor at Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Pritchard comes to the CU Foundation from Goodwill Industries of Denver, where he has been the chief financial officer since 2013. There he led a team of 25 employees responsible for budget management, cost/benefit analysis, forecasting, real estate acquisitions and securing new financing and funding for the nonprofit. Pritchard has been a part of the leadership team at Goodwill Industries since 2009, previously having served as the organization’s vice president of business development.

Mike Pritchard has had a distinguished career in Colorado’s nonprofit sector, serving in various development positions with Mile High United Way, Family Tree, Rocky Mountain Multiple Sclerosis Center and Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver. He has also volunteered for a number of charitable organizations, building houses for Habitat for Humanity and recruiting and coordinating volunteers for World Vision.

Pritchard was named the Denver Business Journal’s CFO of the Year in 2015. He is also a 2012 graduate of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce’s Leadership Denver program.

Mike Pritchard and his wife, Marcia, have adopted two daughters from Ethiopia. They are speakers and counselors for adoption groups, and they lead support groups for families that have adopted from Ethiopia.

### **About the CU Foundation**

The CU Foundation is the financial portal for philanthropic giving to the University of Colorado, receiving, processing and administering contributions and bequests from donors, investing endowed funds and other gift assets and making distributions from its managed funds in support of programs and activities throughout the university system and its four campuses. The Foundation currently manages approximately \$1.6 billion in assets for the benefit of the university with over 2,500 current fund accounts and more than 2,300 endowments. During the fiscal year just ended, the University of Colorado was the beneficiary of a record \$375.4 million in private support, \$137.6 million of which was donated through the Foundation.

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[VCA Thweatt to retire in October](#)[25]

CU-Boulder Vice Chancellor for Administration Steve Thweatt has announced he will retire from the university on Oct. 16, 2015.

Thweatt, who was appointed to the post on July 1, 2014, informed Senior Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer Kelly Fox of his decision earlier this week.

"I want to thank Steve for his leadership and service to CU-Boulder in several key posts over the past two decades," Fox said. "His commitment and constant attention to CU-Boulder's unique architecture and grounds for the better part of two decades has helped to transform the campus for a new century."

Thweatt has worked for CU-Boulder at two different periods during his career. Prior to his appointment as vice chancellor for administration, Thweatt served as assistant vice chancellor for facilities management from July 2012 to March 2014, providing strategic leadership and administrative oversight for capital planning, design and construction, sustainability, engineering, physical plant operations, campus utilities and campus logistics. Thweatt was the interim vice chancellor for administration from March to June 2014.

Prior to returning to CU-Boulder in 2012, he was associate vice president of planning, design and construction at Emory University in Atlanta.

From 1994 to 2007, Thweatt served as the CU-Boulder campus architect and director of planning, design and construction.

The vice chancellor for administration supervises a division of almost 700 employees and oversees an annual operating budget of \$112 million. Areas of responsibility include campus construction, facilities management, police, parking, environmental health and safety, printing and the campus bookstore.

"It has been a privilege to serve at CU-Boulder and to have had stewardship over the most beautiful campus in the nation," said Thweatt. "I am proud to have been a part of the vision and development of the university in a time of remarkable transformation."

Fox said she will soon announce a national search for the next VCA.

[Philip Weiser to step down as dean of the University of Colorado Law School](#)[26]

University of Colorado Boulder Provost Russell L. Moore today announced that Dean Philip J. Weiser will step down as dean and return to the faculty of the University of Colorado Law School on July 1, 2016.

Weiser, who will have served in the post for five years when he steps down next summer, will continue as the executive director of the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, and play a leading role in the CU-Boulder campus entrepreneurship initiative in addition to serving on the law faculty.

"During his tenure, Dean Weiser advanced the law school as a nationally recognized innovator and the regional leader in the changing legal landscape," Moore said. "He has been a visionary leader of the school during a time of great change in legal education and has worked tirelessly to focus on student success and building community."

While he was dean, Weiser created a range of new programs to engage the community and help students build the skills they need to be successful after law school, including the Tech Lawyer Accelerator, the Corporate Counsel Intensive Institute and the Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative. He also organized the Gathering of the Bench and Bar Conference, worked with the White Center to establish the Stevens Lecture, which brought four Supreme Court Justices to Colorado Law, and worked with the natural resources faculty to enhance and rename the Getches-Wilkinson Center for Natural Resources, Energy, and the Environment.

Moore noted that at a time when many prospective law students were questioning the value of a legal education, Dean Weiser focused intensely on how to make Colorado Law as affordable as possible and provide students with a powerful return on their investment.

Following the Colorado Law Action Plan developed early in his tenure, the law school has held tuition constant for four years in a row, more than doubled scholarship support for students and established a \$6.5 million endowed Loan Repayment Fund for those graduates in public service and working in underserved areas of Colorado. Reflecting the progress made under the Action Plan, Moody's ranked Colorado Law in the top 25 for employment outcomes and Business Insider ranked Colorado Law in the top 10 for networking and getting a job and in the top five for financial aid in 2015.

In an indication of the rising profile of Colorado Law, the law school is welcoming its largest class ever this year from an applicant pool that was up more than 10 percent at the same time law school applications nationwide were down for a fifth year in a row.

Moore noted that Weiser was a committed fundraiser, launching the Campaign for Colorado Law's Future that brought more than \$34 million to the law school in cash gifts and planned gifts. Moore also noted that Weiser "tirelessly engaged alumni, building up the attendance of the Colorado Law Alumni Awards Banquet, raising the percentage of alumni giving and introducing a range of initiatives to engage alumni in the operations of the school, including mentoring of students and interviewing prospective students."

Moore also announced that Lori Bergen, dean of the College of Media, Communication and Information, will chair the search committee to lead the national search for the next dean. Committee members will be announced in coming weeks.

"The commitment to our mission from our faculty, staff, students and community, and the collaborative spirit in which they work with one another, are core to our successes during a challenging time," Weiser said. "On the faculty front, we are fortunate to have colleagues who are world-class researchers and dynamic teachers. The efforts of our staff, who are very hard working, committed to our students and innovative, will continue to pay dividends for years to come."

Weiser joined the CU-Boulder faculty as a professor of law and telecommunications in 1999. Before becoming dean, Weiser served as senior advisor for technology and innovation to the National Economic Council at the White House. Prior to joining the White House, Weiser served as the deputy assistant attorney general at the Justice Department's Antitrust Division. He took that post in July 2009, taking a leave of absence from the University of Colorado Law School where he served as a professor of law, associate dean for research and the executive director and founder of the Silicon Flatirons Center for Law, Technology, and Entrepreneurship.

Before joining the CU-Boulder law faculty, Weiser served as senior counsel to the assistant attorney general at the Justice Department's Antitrust Division from 1996 to 1998, law clerk to Justices Byron R. White and Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the U.S. Supreme Court from September 1995 to August 1996 and law clerk to Judge David Ebel at the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver from September 1994 to August 1995. He received his law degree from New York University School of Law and his bachelor's from Swarthmore College.

"It has been my honor to help cultivate an engaged, diverse and inclusive community of outstanding students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends who support one another and serve the legal community," said Weiser. "I look forward to continuing to follow my passion of teaching students, contributing to scholarly and policy discussions, and being part of this impressive and important institution."

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[CU-Boulder named one of the most LGBTQ-friendly schools in the country](#)[30]

The University of Colorado is one of the friendliest colleges for students who identify as gay and lesbian, according to a nonprofit educational organization for LGBTQ students and allies.

[READ FULL STORY ON THE DAILY CAMERA](#)[31]

[Colorado oil production on path to depletion, CU study warns](#)[32]

Oil briefly slipped below \$40 a barrel Friday after a steady drop in price over recent weeks, reviving concerns in Colorado about how long domestic producers can hang on.

[READ FULL STORY ON THE DENVER POST](#)[33]

[Colorado Springs residents want to stop development of student housing](#)[34]

Cragmor residents are banding together once again to fight City Hall.

A group of homeowners living near the former Katharine Lee Bates Elementary School at 702 Cragmor Road is trying to stop a 621-bedroom apartment complex catering to college students from being built in their neighborhood.

[READ THE FULL STORY ON THE GAZETTE](#)[35]

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