Video: Student finds purpose in giving back to her community[1]

For Nayzeth Landa, CU Denver became more than a place to earn a degree. As a first-generation student, she found mentors, opportunities and a community that helped her discover a passion for supporting others.

That commitment extended beyond campus. Nayzeth volunteered at Ollin Farms in Longmont, where she became involved in CU Denver's work exploring Indigenous regenerative farming practices and the connections among food, land and community[2]. The partnership gives students hands-on experience with sustainable agriculture while supporting food justice and ecosystem resilience.

Now working at CU Denver, Nayzeth is helping students navigate some of the same challenges she once faced. Watch the video to learn how her CU experience helped shape her path, and inspired her to give back to the community that supported her.

Excellence in Leadership Program marks 25 years with cohort retreat[3]

CU Leads: Catch up on stories of impact from over the summer[4]

Lazy days of summer? Not at CU. In case you missed them, these stories from across our campuses show that the university's leadership and impact never take a vacation.

For 150 years, the University of Colorado has advanced education, innovation and the well-being of people, organizations and communities. With deep roots in Colorado, CU's impact is far-reaching, extending beyond state borders to shape lives and drive progress across the nation and around the world. The following stories showcase this impact in action, illustrating how CU is helping to build a stronger future for all.

CU Boulder Among World's Top Institutions for Climate Science Research[5]
CU Boulder was named one of the world's leading institutions for climate science, ranking eighth globally by Carbon Brief.

CU Denver Students Shaping the Future of Airport Leadership [6]
Airports are complex, shaped by layers of regulation, funding, operations and long-term planning in addition to being regional economic drivers. As that complexity grows, so does the need for people who can move between those worlds.

CU Anschutz Researcher Part of Global Effort to Rename Polycystic Ovary Syndrome [7]
A CU Anschutz expert took part in the global effort to modernize the condition's name and definition to better recognize that the disease is not primarily gynecological.

UCCS Researchers Help Advance Understanding of Quantum Science[8]
Researchers at UCCS have helped achieve an important experimental breakthrough that advances the understanding of collective quantum states and may support future information-processing and sensing technologies.

Join us for CU Innovation Day: Deep roots, new routes[9]

CU Innovation Day[10], set for Sept. 14, brings together innovators, entrepreneurs, artists, researchers and leaders from across CU and Colorado to celebrate CU's 150th anniversary and imagine what's next.

The 1-5 p.m. event at History Colorado Center in Denver features a keynote with Ibotta founder Bryan Leach, as well

as Inspiration Hall's showcase of over 60 CU innovators, networking, awards and more.

Don't miss CU and the Futures of Art in the Rocky Mountain West, a 3-4 p.m. conversation exploring Colorado's growing creative moment as the state prepares to welcome the Sundance Film Festival. The panel brings together an extraordinary mix of voices: Sundance Film Festival's Jeff Levine[11]; nationally recognized film critic and CU Denver instructor Walter Chaw[12]; boundary-pushing UCCS artist Ben Kinsley[13]; and CU Boulder's Beth Osnes[14], whose work blends theater, environmental studies and climate science.

Moderated by Colorado Creative Industries' Josh Blanchard[15], the conversation will explore what happens when art, technology, higher education and community come together, and what Colorado's creative future could look like.

RSVP is required for CU Innovation Day[10].

$37.5M NSF award aims to define new quantum frontiers, take technology from lab to field [16]

A lifelong commitment to learning: UCCS's offering for personal enrichment [17]

ColoradoBuildingWorkshop returns to Cottonwood Gulch Expeditions to transform its historic Vonnegut Cabin Loop[18]

New CU Anschutz Division of Transplant Medicine is first of its kind nationally [19]

Federal update: CU Title VI and Fulbright-Hays comments, more[20]

From Aug. 21, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on CU Title VI and Fulbright-Hays Comments, ED Accreditation Proposed Rule, Coalition Lawsuit Challenging DHS Duration of Status Regulation, DOW Research Security Audits, NIH Peer Review Change Proposal, DOJ NSF STEM Memo, and Confirmations and Nominations.

Click here to read the post.[21]

For the latest communications and federal memos, please visit the CU System Federal Updates and Actions[22] page.

Englesbe named chair of Department of Surgery [23]

Furtak appointed interim director of the Center for Teaching and Learning [24]

Barrett on championing organizational excellence [25]

Wind or solar? A CU economist set out to determine which type of renewable energy is most beneficial [26]

UCCS Early Childhood Education Bootcamp helps aspiring child care providers navigate opening a center[27]

Students tend to eat the foods placed before them, according to a new study by CU Anschutz researchers and others [28]

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[1] https://connections.cu.edu/spotlights/video-student-finds-purpose-giving-back-her-community[2] https://lovecolorado.com/stories/i-love-your-food-scene[3] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/excellence-leadership-program-marks-25-years-cohort-retreat[4] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/cu-leads-catch-stories-impact-over-summer[5] https://www.colorado.edu/today/2026/06/30/cu-boulder-ranks-among-worlds-top-institutions-climate-science-research[6] https://news.ucdenver.edu/cu-denver-students-are-shaping-the-future-of-airport-leadership-through-specialized-executive-mba-program/[7] https://news.cuanschutz.edu/news-stories/pcos-new-name[8] https://news.uccs.edu/2026/07/16/uccs-physics-research-at-the-forefront-of-demonstrating-spontaneous-magnon-coherence-at-room-temperature/[9] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/join-us-cu-innovation-day-deep-roots-new-routes[10] https://innovate-cu-showcase.my.canva.site/26-innovation-day[11] https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeff-levine-020394/[12] https://artsandmedia.ucdenver.edu/current-students/meis-student-resources/profile/Chaw-Walter-UCD6004210592[13] https://vapa.uccs.edu/directory/visual-art/kinsley[14] https://www.colorado.edu/theatredance/beth-osnes[15] https://oedit.colorado.gov/josh-blanchard[16] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/375m-nsf-award-aims-define-new-quantum-frontiers-take-technology-lab-field[17] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/lifelong-commitment-learning-uccs-s-offering-personal-enrichment[18] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/coloradobuildingworkshop-returns-cottonwood-gulch-expeditions-transform-its-historic[19] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/new-cu-anschutz-division-transplant-medicine-first-its-kind-nationally[20] https://connections.cu.edu/stories/federal-update-cu-title-vi-and-fulbright-hays-comments-more[21] https://www.cu.edu/blog/government-relations/federal-government-update-82126[22] https://www.cu.edu/office-government-relations/federal-relations/federal-updates-and-actions[23] https://connections.cu.edu/people/englesbe-named-chair-department-surgery[24] https://connections.cu.edu/people/furtak-appointed-interim-director-center-teaching-and-learning[25] https://connections.cu.edu/people/barrett-championing-organizational-excellence[26] https://connections.cu.edu/itn/wind-or-solar-cu-economist-set-out-determine-which-type-renewable-energy-most-beneficial[27] https://connections.cu.edu/itn/uccs-early-childhood-education-bootcamp-helps-aspiring-child-care-providers-navigate-opening[28] https://connections.cu.edu/itn/students-tend-eat-foods-placed-them-according-new-study-cu-anschutz-researchers-and-others