Pathways2Teaching encourages youths to teach close to home[1]

Online application for tuition benefit now open[2]
[3]

With the fall semester right around the corner, now is the time to take advantage of the Tuition Waiver Benefit as a CU employee or qualified dependent. Employees Services has begun accepting electronic Tuition Waiver Benefit forms[4] for the 2017-18 academic year.

The new electronic form will streamline the application processes, route immediately to the appropriate approvers and trigger emails to the employee on their application's status.

CU's Tuition Benefit provides waived or discounted credit hours to eligible employees or their dependents for credit-bearing courses on any CU campus. Employees must waive their tuition benefit before their dependent – such as a child or spouse – may use it.

For employees:

Employees may have nine credits waived per academic year for undergraduate and graduate classes on any CU campus. An academic year for employees lasts from the fall semester through the following summer semester.

Employees must apply as a student to the desired campus in order to receive the benefit and register on the day classes begin.

For dependents:

Dependents have two tuition benefit options: **Option A – Home Campus** or **Option B – Other Campus.**

Option A – Home Campus is available when a dependent attends undergraduate or graduate classes (some exclusions may apply) on the employee's campus of employment. They will receive up to nine waived credits per academic year. CU Boulder dependents, however, receive a 30 percent tuition discount.

This fall is the debut of **Option B – Other Campus (Intercampus Dependent Tuition Waiver Pilot Program).** This three-year pilot program is for dependents who attend undergraduate, credit-bearing courses on a campus other than the campus where the employee works. Employees receive $270 per credit for up to nine credit hours for the academic year. This is a savings of up to $2,430 a year on tuition.

Understand qualifications:

Both the employee and dependent cannot use the benefit in the same year. Employees can only choose one option each academic year, and give their benefit to a dependent.

The benefit only applies to tuition costs. All required campus-specific fees, taxes and other related educational expenses must be paid for by the employee or their dependent. Audits, continuing education, extended studies, executive and distance MBAs and the 11-month MBA program do not apply.

Visit the Employee Services' website for full details, campus-specific deadlines and helpful FAQs and comparison handouts.[5]

Get ready for solar eclipse with free online course[6]
[7]

UPDATED AUG. 8: CU On the Air offers a podcast featuring Doug Duncan. Click here[8] to listen and for information on subscribing to CU On the Air podcasts.

Aug. 21 brings the first total solar eclipse across the United States in nearly 40 years. No one under the sun is working harder to spread the word than CU Boulder's Doug Duncan, astronomer and Fiske Planetarium director.

Duncan[9] developed the free massive open online course (MOOC) Sun and the Great American Eclipse of 2017[10] on Coursera to help citizen scientists and curious learners prepare for the event.

Fiske Planetarium's website[11] also offers several resources, including tips on how to watch safely and a link to an interactive map to pinpoint the best time for viewing in your location.

Every state in the Continental U.S. will have views of at least 75 percent of the sun covered by the moon. Lucky people in a 70-mile-wide swath from Oregon to South Carolina – including parts of Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas – will witness the rare total eclipse.

And while the moon blocking out the sun is a remarkable sight to be remembered for a lifetime, it's also an opportunity for scientists to see parts of the sun's atmosphere that are otherwise invisible. A total eclipse presented the first chance to test Einstein's prediction that matter can bend space – such as near a black hole.

Five systemwide policy changes took effect Aug. 1[12]

The Office of Policy and Efficiency (OPE) this week announced proposed changes to five administrative policy statements (one rescission and four revisions) from the Human Resources and Students areas.

Rescission
5020 - Delegation of Personnel Authority for Employees Exempt from the State Personnel System
Revisions
5009 - Performance Ratings for University Staff 5024 - Tuition Assistance Program 5054 - Hiring Retirees to Work in Staff Positions 8006 - Acceptance of Prior Learning Credits (formerly Acceptance of Credit from International Baccalaureate Diploma Programs)
These changes, which were reviewed by the campus chancellors and approved by President Bruce Benson, are effective as of Aug. 1.

For more detailed information, go to https://www.cu.edu/ope/policy/aps-changes[13].

For additional information on system policies, go to: http://www.cu.edu/ope[14].

Cross-campus innovation and collaboration among CU IT organizations [15]

New campus map takes wayfinding to the next level[16]

Honoring their mothers, Italian scholars fund scholarship and say ‘ciao’ [17]

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CU Denver community celebrates topping-off of new Student Wellness Center [19]

Facilities Management honored for excellence[20]

Kane is first Paul R. O’Hara II Endowed Chair in Esophageal Cancer[21]

Campbell receives provost professorship[22]

Clough honored for esteemed career[23]

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