Learning Assistant model empowers students to lead one another[1]

For more than two decades at CU Boulder and a decade at CU Denver, the Learning Assistant (LA) model has strengthened classroom learning by empowering students to serve as peer mentors and instructional leaders. Now, thanks to a CU Next[2] system award, that impact is expanding systemwide – including at UCCS – marking a new chapter for the nationally recognized approach.

By pairing faculty development with student leadership, the LA model transforms courses through research-based teaching practices. It also creates meaningful opportunities for students to deepen their knowledge, build confidence and support their peers. The result is a collaborative learning environment that advances student success across disciplines and campuses.

Watch the video to see how the Learning Assistant model is evolving at CU – and why it continues to shape the future of teaching and learning.

CU's Excellence in Leadership Program takes an immersive look at state government[3]
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The current cohort of the University of Colorado's Excellence in Leadership Program (ELP) on Feb. 11 visited the Capitol for an immersive look at the state legislative process in action.

This annual experience, led by CU's State Government Relations team, provides participants with timely insight into the workings of Colorado's government and the development of policies affecting higher education.

Through presentations from CU leaders and partners, about 40 participants gained a deeper understanding of how CU's Government Relations, legal and budget teams collaborate to advocate for the university.

To learn more about the Excellence in Leadership Program, click here.[5]

MixTape event showcases student and faculty research and creative work [6]

University Libraries leverage local bookstore expertise to build community-centered collections [7]

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What are the differences in cardiovascular disease between the sexes? [9]

Showcase your innovation: 2026 CU I&E Awards now accepting entries[10]

Every day, CU employees advance the way we work, and the CU Innovation & Efficiency (CU I&E) Awards celebrate the thoughtful, effective solutions driving that progress.

This year's submissions are already demonstrating impressive impact. One recent entry from CU Anschutz, Redesigned Research Studies Website Boosts Access and Engagement[11], more than doubled research participation inquiries through clearer navigation and stronger search features.

Explore this project and others on our Current Submissions page.[12]

In 2025, the top award went to Sustainability in Simulation Operations[13] at CU Anschutz. Which campus will lead the charge this year?

Up to $1,500 in cash prizes will be awarded by our judging panel.
Learn more about the CU I&E Awards Program[14]**Submit your project here**[15]
Showcase your innovation and contribute to CU's next major improvement.

- Office of University Controller

Federal update: FY26 appropriations, Genesis Mission, more[16]

From Feb. 13, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on FY26 Appropriations, Genesis Mission, DOE Indirect Cost Cap Rescission, DOW Indirect Cost Case Appeal Withdrawal, CDC Grant Cancellations, NASA Science Funds Pause, National Lab of the Rockies Layoffs, and DOW End of Grad Education Programs at Harvard.

Click here to read the post.[17]

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

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