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Nominations are being accepted for the University of Colorado Staff Council's (UCSC) annual Service Excellence Awards, which recognize staff members who have "gone above and beyond their job duties and have surpassed expectations."

Eight award winner will be honored at the UCSC all-staff council Professional Development Day and Recognition Lunch, April 26 at CU South Denver.

Both the awards and the daylong staff council event have been revamped this year.

"The feedback that we had gotten from the (campus) councils and from staff is that professional development and career growth is an important issue on all of the campuses, and so we decided to combine a professional development event with the recognition awards," said Carissa Smith, UCSC vice chair.

The nomination procedure for the excellence awards has been simplified and twice the number of employees will be honored than in previous years, Smith said. All classified and university staff are eligible to be nominated for the award. Honorees will receive a recognition plaque and a \$250 prize. For more information about the awards and a nomination form, visit <https://www.cu.edu/ucsc/ucsc-service-excellence-award>^[3].

UCSC will review nominations and choose the winners using a scoring rubric.

The professional development event is open to campus staff council members. This year, Smith said, UCSC worked to create a more meaningful event with a variety of learning opportunities. Staff Council members will lead interactive sessions that focus on building networks and personal promotion, thoughtful communication, leadership development and mindset, and life-work balance.

Regent Heidi Ganahl, an entrepreneur and businesswoman, will give the keynote address, focusing on leadership.

To find other staff development opportunities, visit the UCSC website under the resources tab, <https://www.cu.edu/ucsc/resources>^[4].

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