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CU summer outreach tour continues in southern Colorado[1]

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University of Colorado leaders recently continued their summer outreach tour with visits to communities throughout southern Colorado.

The June 27-29 itinerary included stops in Pueblo and Pueblo West, Cañon City, Florence, Walsenburg, La Veta and Trinidad.

The CU leadership group included three members of the CU Board of Regents: Chair Callie Rennison, who represents the 2nd Congressional District; Vice Chair Ken Montera, District 5; and Glen Gallegos, District 3.

Regents joined other leaders from CU system administration (Danielle Radovich Piper, Senior Vice President for External Relations and Strategy; Tony Salazar, Vice President for Outreach and Engagement; Christina Beck, Program Director; Micah Espinoza, Regional Program Manager for Southern Colorado), the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (Jose Cantu, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management; Katie Anderson-Pence, Associate Dean for College of Education) and the University of Colorado Boulder (Chancellor Phil DiStefano).

The community visits included conversations with local leaders in government, business and industry, health care, tech startups and energy. Education-centered meetings welcomed leaders from K-12, Pueblo Community College and Trinidad State College.

CU Boulder, UCCS and CU Denver students and families were welcomed by the regents and DiStefano during an event at Pueblo's Sangre de Cristo Arts and Conference Center.

"Because CU is Colorado's university, it's important for us to listen, learn and connect with communities throughout the state," said Tony Salazar, Vice President for Outreach and Engagement. "These most recent visits provided the opportunity to do just that in southern Colorado."

CU's summer outreach tour brings together CU faculty, staff, students and leaders to meet with community members across the state. In May, the tour visited several eastern plains communities.

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