CU Pride has a new home at cu.edu[1]
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A new CU system website celebrates the university's LGBTQ+ community and reaffirms the values of diversity and inclusivity.

The CU Pride website[3] launches just in time for this weekend's Denver PrideFest, which CU is sponsoring for a fifth consecutive year.

Ordinarily a two-day festival celebrating Colorado's LGBTQ+ community, PrideFest's 2020 edition[4] will consist of virtual events Saturday and Sunday. The shift is aimed at preventing the spread of coronavirus.

For Sunday's Virtual Pride Parade, "entrants" including CU will be represented via videos promoting messages of support, encouragement and community spirit.

The Denver Virtual Pride Parade will be livestreamed on The Center on Colfax's Facebook page[5] at 9:30 a.m. Sunday. The broadcast might also appear via other platforms, to be announced, and a recording will be available after the live broadcast.

Produced by University Relations in the Office of the President, the CU Pride website is designed to be a year-round resource. It features profiles of students and educators, including Steven Frost, instructor in CU Boulder's College of Media, Communication and Information; book recommendations; downloadable graphics; and links to resources across the CU campuses.

The website also offers suggestions on how to engage via social media during and after this weekend's PrideFest. Click here[6] for more information.

President Kennedy on racial injustice, Supreme Court's discrimination ruling[7]
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CU President Mark Kennedy says recent social justice protests and the events that inspired them can inform and guide the university community as it moves forward.

"As a higher education institution, we have a special obligation to confront racism," Kennedy wrote in a communication [9] to the CU community. "Teaching and research, and understanding ourselves, our communities and the physical world, and sharing those understandings is our reason for being."

Kennedy wrote that he is challenging himself and the entire CU community to recommit to the work ahead.

"And I ask us all to be what we encourage our students, faculty and staff to be – lifelong learners. And in addition to being lifelong learners about history or engineering or the arts, we must be lifelong learners about issues of justice, equality and inclusion. I am confident that by working together, we can make a difference, just as our university has for nearly a century and a half."

Kennedy also posted a new video[10] that elaborates on the message and describes "actions we're taking to be the university our students, state and nation need now and in the future."

Monday's news that the U.S. Supreme Court had ruled that federal civil rights law protects gay, lesbian and transgender employees also inspired a statement from President Kennedy[11]:

"The decision (Monday) by the United States Supreme Court that civil rights law barring sex discrimination in the workplace applies to gay, lesbian and transgender workers affirms and aligns with the University of Colorado's values,

as well as with its policies that protect employees on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. Our people are our most important asset at CU, and this decision confirms what we have always believed and have codified in university policy – that discrimination has no place at our university."

Regents to vote today on 2020-21 budget[12]
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The CU Board of Regents will meet today to vote on the university's FY 2020-21 budget, which is expected to reflect steep cuts brought on by the coronavirus pandemic.

The meeting will be conducted remotely via Zoom and livestreamed here[14]. The public portion of the meeting, which follows an executive session, is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

The board last month voted[15] to hold tuition flat and to eliminate compensation increases for faculty and staff. Pay cuts via furlough and some layoffs have since been announced[16] across the system. State lawmakers this week set next year's budget, which must be approved by the governor to take effect July 1. The legislature's "long bill" calls for a $3.3 billion cut from the $13 billion general fund; state higher education institutions' share of the cut is $598 million.

Today's agenda[17] also has the regents considering recommended changes to laws and policies, the approval of new degrees and certificates at CU Boulder and UCCS, an update on CU Denver's pursuit of designation as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, and the election of board chair and vice chair for the coming year.

COLTT goes virtual for 2020[18]
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CU's annual Colorado Learning and Teaching with Technology (COLTT) Conference is going virtual for 2020.

Committed to delivering a conference that honors the crucial work of educators and respects current public health guidelines, COLTT[20] will use more technology than ever before as the conference goes fully online Aug. 5 and 6. If ever there was a community to have a successful online conference, it is the COLTT community.

COLTT engages participants in learning about teaching practices and technologies, challenging the way they think about both. Conference goers are able to network and gather practices that change the way they teach and learn in classrooms, online and in virtual environments.

Topics covered at COLTT year after year bear a greater relevance in 2020, especially regarding online teaching and learning, equity, diversity and social justice. We are committed to connecting our expanding community from across the state and beyond through interactive sessions, discussion opportunities and select applications.

The schedule is designed for participants to easily dip in and out of sessions to avoid virtual meeting fatigue and accommodate attending from anywhere. Multiple concurrent sessions and discussions will run 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. both days with additional offerings before and after. Session details will be posted later this month.
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This year's keynote, Amy Collier[22], Ph.D., is Associate Provost for Digital Learning at Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont, and formerly the senior director for inspiration and outreach in the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning at Stanford University.

A frequent presenter, she loves to share her passion for topics such as open learning, online learning and faculty development. “From Curb Cuts to Discotechs: How Inclusive Design and Design Justice Can Shape Our Classes and Communities” will serve as a welcome centerpiece for this year’s conference.

Attendees join COLTT each year from a broad range of educational institutions and private organizations. Many Colorado colleges and universities are well-represented, as are numerous post-secondary schools and community colleges from the Rocky Mountain region.

COLTT’s $25 registration fee goes directly toward covering this year’s expenses. Registration scholarships are available by application for those unable to pay the fee. Registrants also may choose the Pony Up rate of $135, funds from which will help cover costs in 2020 and sustain COLTT into the future.

REGISTER FOR COLTT[23]

Get your feet wet or refresh your language skills with ALTEC this summer[24]

Photo feature: Peaceful protest, June 13, 2020 [25]

CU Denver Business School names Scott Dawson as its new dean [26]

Dessau wins $1.6 million Moore Foundation quantum systems award[27]

CU Anschutz researchers roll out antibody test[28]

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UCCS father-son duo celebrate graduation, wedding and Army commissioning, all in five days[30]

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