Five Questions for Beverly Andes[1]

Andes

Beverly Andes' career in higher education began almost 20 years ago, in the spring of 1991, when she was hired as a "Clerk 2" to answer phones, type letters using carbon paper for duplicates, and run the mimeograph machine to copy exams (as she waved away her co-worker's cigarette smoke) in the psychology department at Louisiana State University.

"Living in Baton Rouge for most of my life, and having friends and family who bleed purple and gold, I thought there was nothing better in the entire world than working at the home of the Fighting Tigers!" she said. Over time she was promoted into various positions and took classes to complete her undergraduate degree.

When she and her family moved to Colorado in 2004, it made sense to find a position in another higher education setting. She worked at the University of Colorado at Boulder until 2007, when she became the course and curriculum coordinator for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) at the University of Colorado Denver.

Each day is a little different as she faces the challenge of piecing together the ever-growing variety of course offerings in the college. She might start the morning talking with a student about registering for a course, move on to request a classroom change for a faculty member, then perhaps work with a department chair to adjust the enrollment limit of a class with a wait list. Then she might attend a meeting regarding the new ISIS registration system with staff in the Registrar's Office, and finally finish the day talking with Dean Dan Howard and associate deans about enrollment management for increasing wait lists.

"I'm never bored, and the topic is constantly changing, but I love being in the middle of the action and doing my best to help keep the course scheduling process moving," she said.

Andes recently received the college's Outstanding Staff Award for her efforts.

— Cynthia Pasquale

1. Please tell me a little bit about the process of coordinating courses and curriculum.

As I'm sure our 20 department chairs and program directors would tell you, the CLAS course scheduling process never, ever, e-v-e-r stops.

We begin working on the course schedules about eight or nine months prior to the start of that particular semester. There are three versions of the schedule that are routed through the departments and programs and entered in the SIS or ISIS registration system by me (usually around 1,200 sections per fall and spring semester for our regular offerings, and an additional 350-500 sections for extended studies and continuing education offerings).

Once the schedules are confirmed and registration is under way, my attention moves to classroom locations and managing enrollment and wait lists. Attention to the details is important as I am often working on courses in more than one semester in the same day ... sometimes all three semesters at once! (Last month, we had) faculty teaching Maymester courses, we are managing enrollment in summer courses that will begin soon, we are watching early enrollments and making slight adjustments to the fall course schedules in our new ISIS registration system, and the preliminary course schedule spreadsheets for next spring are due to me in two weeks.

It is a process that is constantly in motion with peak periods of madness (around the start of the fall and spring semesters) and no real down times. I do, however, manage to sneak away for vacations in the summer and around the holidays.

2. Coordinating all those courses seems overwhelming. Has technology made it easier over the years?

Creating and managing lots of course offerings with lots of people is not easy, but is made a little easier by having a defined, shared course-scheduling process in place. Everyone I work with knows the process; receives deadline dates, notifications and reminders on a regular basis; and knows I will do all I can to keep the process in place and moving, on schedule, each semester.

The faculty and staff in the departmental and program offices work really hard, time and time again, to do their part in gathering and submitting their course and rooming information. Without their hard work, my job would be impossible. It isn't always picture perfect on any side of the process, but it is the best we can all do, given our priorities.

And, yes, technology has absolutely made this job easier. I am forever indebted to staff working in Institutional Research and the Registrar's Office for creating easy ways to download course information each term, for working with me on historical data requests at a moment's notice and for having a forward-looking attitude when new technologies are available and introduced. I have taken advantage of their expertise many, many times.

3. Have you noticed any interesting trends in courses or curriculum since you've worked for the university?

Enrollment at UC Denver is increasing! And it just keeps growing! In addition to the students we are serving in Denver, in parts of Colorado through extended studies opportunities, and throughout the nation via online offerings, we are also reaching out to include even more students oversees at the Chinese Agricultural University in Beijing where students are participating in our International College of Beijing undergraduate programs in communication and economics.

It really is an exciting time to be in the midst of this great growth. Though there are everyday challenges we face with greater numbers of students to serve and an increased number of classes that need classroom space, it is gratifying to know that my work impacts almost every student that enrolls at UC Denver. That's a lot of impact!

4. Away from the office, what do you do to relax?

I'm a Southern girl, above all else, and I absolutely love to cook, bake and entertain. Moreover, I married a true Cajun about 19 years ago, so dishes like seafood gumbo, chicken and andouille sausage jambalaya, red beans and rice, and shrimp etouffe are regular staples in our house.

On any given weekend, if we aren't hiking in Rocky Mountain National Park, I might be making homemade jam, baking teriyaki wings to share with friends and fellow sports fanatics, trying out a new dessert recipe or kicking back on the patio reading a book. I am committed to lifelong personal and professional development through the many books and online resources that are increasingly available, and think there is always something more I can learn about myself and my abilities in the process.

When the weather is nice and we have some extra time, our family loves to hike in Rocky Mountain National Park. Our normal route to the trailheads takes us through Estes Park, home of Laura's Fine Candies. There are the most fabulous treats made fresh daily at Laura's – and my absolute favorite of them all is the toffee. It is definitely my No. 1 guilty pleasure. I highly recommend it to anyone who happens to drive to or through Estes Park. Look for the red canopy along the main shopping area. It is worth the stop and then some!

5. You recently received the Outstanding Staff Award during the dean's reception. Tell me about the award and how does that make you feel?

I was so surprised when I found out I was nominated for our collegewide Outstanding Staff Award this year – and was just tickled pink when I found out I was selected as the recipient! In total, there were 12 letters of nomination submitted for me, and as I read through them I just had an overwhelming feeling of gratitude and appreciation – not only for those who took the time to write, but for everyone I work with. I noticed recurring remarks and themes that were mentioned in the letters – all of which are what I consider to be the keys to success in my job: hard-working, humorous, tactful, efficient, conscientious, knowledgeable, professional and the calm amidst the storm. This job really is a whirlwind of activity, but with determination and support from others, I'll do as much as I can for as long as they'll let me!

Want to suggest a faculty or staff member for Five Questions? Please e-mail Jay.Dedrick@cu.edu[3]

COLTT Conference promises exploration of latest innovations in education[4]

Early registration has begun for the 13th Colorado Learning and Teaching With Technology (COLTT) Conference, which promises an exceptional professional development opportunity for people in education and related fields who are interested in the latest innovations, current research, the opportunity for hands-on workshops and more sessions that explore learning, teaching and technology.

The event, set this year for Aug. 11 and 12 on the University of Colorado at Boulder campus, typically attracts attendees from a broad range of educational institutions and private organizations. Colorado colleges and universities, both private and public, are well-represented, as are many post-secondary schools and community colleges from the Rocky Mountain region. Some come from as far away as California and Germany.

This year's event offers more than 60 presentations and hands-on technology workshops. Renewal credit for educators is available where applicable.

Keynote speaker on Aug. 11 will be Adrian Sannier, recently of Arizona State University and now with Pearson eCollege, who is renowned for his engaging speaking style. Featured speaker J. John Cohen, M.D., of the Anschutz Medical Campus and Mini-Med School fame will keep the audience entertained on Aug. 12. See the COLTT keynote page[5] for more details.

Also scheduled is an interactive theater presentation by CU-Boulder's own Interactive Theater Project and the popular Cafe Pedagogique, an opportunity to network with colleagues at Carelli's Restaurant in Boulder on the first evening of the conference.

The conference is sponsored in part by Stein Sture, interim provost and executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, the ATLAS Institute, ASSETT, the Graduate School and Information Technology Services at CU-Boulder.

"CU-Boulder is proud to host COLTT each year," Sture wrote in a letter to the university community. "I hope that many of our campus's faculty will attend."

New this year is the "Galloping COLTT" program, for which select presenters will travel to give your school, college or campus organization a taste of the conference.

More information about COLTT 2010 is available online at https://www.cusys.edu/coltt[6].

Questions about COLTT 2010 may be directed to Jill Lester, COLTT conference coordinator (coltt@cu.edu[7]) or to the conference director, Deborah Keyek-Franssen (deblkf@colorado.edu[8]).

CU-Boulder education professor named to White House administration post[9]

Kris D. Gutiérrez, professor and Provost's Chair in the School of Education at the University of Colorado at Boulder, has been nominated by President Barack Obama as a member of the National Board for Education Sciences.

She was one of eight appointees nominated last week to various administration posts.

"I am impressed by the knowledge and dedication these men and women have demonstrated throughout their careers," Obama said in a news release. "I am grateful they have chosen to take on these new roles, and I look forward to working with them in the coming months and years."

Gutiérrez is professor of literacy and learning sciences and the inaugural Provost's Chair at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She also is professor emerita of Social Research Methodology at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, where she previously served as director of the education studies minor and director of the Center for the Study of Urban Literacies.

Gutiérrez is a national leader in education and urban education, and recently served on Obama's education policy transition team.

She was elected (2010) to the National Academy of Education and is the current president of the American Educational Research Association.

Gutiérrez earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in English and reading education at Arizona State University, and her Ph.D. in English and education at CU-Boulder.

Blumenthal named a fellow of national academy[10]

Blumenthal

Molecular biologist **Tom Blumenthal** has been elected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Blumenthal, professor and chair of the CU-Boulder department of molecular, cellular and developmental biology, is among 229 leaders in the fields of sciences, social sciences, the humanities, the arts, business and public affairs named as fellows this year. He joins a group of 2010 luminaries that includes astrophysicist Geoffrey Marcy, geneticist Timothy Ley, Pulitzer-winning historian Daniel Howe and Oscar-winning film director Francis Ford Coppola.

The 230-year-old academy is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious honorary societies.

Unexpected generosity helps leadership class reach fundraising goal[12]

This year's CLC class at UCCS

Grant Matthews (UCCS '10) had been an integral member of the Chancellor's Leadership Class (CLC) throughout his time at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. As part of this four-year program for high-potential students, he has undertaken more than 400 hours of community service, benefited from distinctive CLC-specific courses and talks, and received guidance from regional leaders.

And as the recipient of a CLC scholarship, Matthews knows the value of those who provide not only mentorship, but also financial support.

"The graduating class has often given the program director a parting gift," Matthews said. "But we decided to give back something meaningful. We decided we wanted to fund a CLC scholarship for next year."

The goal was $4,000, a steep one for students who often come from financially challenged families and must stretch merely to afford college. Despite their best efforts — fundraising through personal connections and events such as garage sales — their initial effort fell a bit short. At the annual Boots and Stars celebration dinner for CLC participants, friends, and supporters, Matthews announced that he and his peers had collected nearly $2,700: a worthy effort, but not enough for the full scholarship.

"I got the feeling they didn't know where to go next," said Barbara Steiner, who attended the event with her husband, Alan, a former Hewlett-Packard executive and current CU Foundation trustee. They had joined the CLC board and sponsored an annual scholarship because they saw a need to develop young leaders for the Pikes Peak region. Upon hearing Matthews report on how their scholarship effort had gone at the Boots and Stars event, Barbara said, "We looked at each other and said, 'Maybe this is something we could do.' We didn't want them to fall short."

She raised her hand and told Matthews they would make up the gap on the spot, giving them the full $4,000 scholarship amount they needed. It was a moment that affected the CLC senior class profoundly.

Barbara and Alan Steiner

"I was the happiest person in the world," Matthews said.

Matthews's CLC experience has clarified his intended career path working for nonprofits. He hopes subsequent CLC senior classes will establish an annual tradition of raising money for a scholarship. As he has discovered, the work is significant, but so is the reward.

"We accomplished our goal at the last minute," he said. "You can't put a price tag on that."

A 'brief' run to fight colon cancer[15]

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"Running shorts" takes on different meaning at the Undy 5000, a 5K and family fun run to benefit the Colorado Colorectal Screening Program[17] at the University of Colorado Cancer Center[18].

The Colon Cancer Alliance[19] hosts Denver's second annual Undy 5000 at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 26, in Denver's City Park. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

The event, where participants are encouraged to race in their underwear, is aimed at raising awareness and money for the fight against colorectal cancer, the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the country. The screening program provides colonoscopies for uninsured Coloradans.

Last year's race raised more than $100,000 and attracted more than 1,000 participants.

The event will feature:
USA Track and Field-certified course/timed race Free boxer-style event shorts Prizes and awards Light food and beverage Educational booths Live music from Marty Jones and the Great Unknowns Children's activities, live entertainment and a cooking demonstration
For more details or to register, go to the Undy 5000 website[20].

Dropping names ...[21]

Brink

Lois Brink, professor of landscape architecture at the University of Colorado Denver and director of the Colorado Center for Community Development and Learning Landscapes, wrote an article for the Journal of the American Dietetic Association titled: "Early Impact of the Federally Mandated Local Wellness Policy on School Nutrition Environments Appears Modest in Colorado's Rural, Low-Income Elementary Schools." Also, a sister paper by Brink on the same research was cited in "Let's Move Update: White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity Report to the President[23]."

Fomby

... A study by UC Denver assistant professor of sociology **Paula Fomby,** "Caucasian Teenager More Damaged by Family Change Than African-American Peers," was published in the April 2010 issue of the Journal of Marriage and Family. It reveals that teens who experience several family changes are more likely to engage in delinquent behavior, become sexually active early, or become parents outside of marriage than kids who always have lived in the same family arrangement (whether with married parents or a single parent). The findings show that white adolescents, compared to their black peers, are more likely to become sexually active earlier, and experience a nonmarital birth. ... Because of the recent terrorism case in New York City's Times Square, an article by **Jeremy Németh,** UC Denver assistant professor of planning and design and director of the master of urban design program, is the subject of recent coverage by several online outlets, including Metropolis magazine and the New York Times City Room blog. His article in the International Journal of Urban and Regional Research titled "Security zones and New York City's shrinking public space" with Justin Hollander looks at the loss of public space in Manhattan as a result of post-9/11 anti-terrorism security measures and argues that planners and designers must develop solutions that balance security with openness. Links to the articles can be found on Németh's blog[25].

... **Robert von Dassanowsky,** professor of German and film studies at UCCS, is a guest presenter at the annual Vienna Independent Shorts Film Festival, an international exhibition running through Sunday, June 6, in Vienna, Austria. The festival will award the first Elfi von Dassanowsky Prize, which is named after the professor's late mother, a pioneering figure in central European cinema, music and the arts. The juried award will be presented to a work by a female filmmaker by Dassanowsky, who currently is serving as producer on projects for Los Angeles filmmaker Christine Beebe and New York filmmaker Chelsea Marino.

Guest column: Promoting intellectual diversity is responsibility of entire CU community[26]

Lori Krug

Among the slate of 12 Guiding Principles of the University of Colorado approved at the Feb. 11 meeting of the Board of Regents was one that pertains to promoting diversity across the university. The language of that particular principle:

"Promote faculty, student and staff diversity to ensure the rich interchange of ideas in the pursuit of truth and

learning, including diversity of political, geographic, cultural, intellectual and philosophical perspectives."

Amendments to these principles were proposed at the regents' April 22 meeting, including a recommendation from Regent Jim Geddes that the diversity principle be refined to focus responsibility for promoting intellectual, political and philosophical diversity to the university's faculty. The proposed draft of the amended diversity principle is:

"Promote faculty, student and staff diversity to ensure the rich interchange of ideas in the pursuit of truth and learning, SPECIFICALLY including FACULTY diversity of political, [omit: GEOGRAPHIC, CULTURAL,] intellectual and philosophical perspectives." (Emphasis added.)

To clarify the rationale behind this proposed amendment, Regent Geddes wrote a guest column[28] that appeared in the (May 5 issue of the) CU Faculty and Staff Newsletter. Regent Geddes addressed several specific concerns about whether or not it is relevant or appropriate for faculty to actively address these matters in an educational environment. The points he raised were pertinent, and his answers were reasonable, within this context.

However, his column did not address a more fundamental concern: Why is it necessary to direct the primary responsibilities of upholding this guiding principle toward faculty?

Should faculty members have an active role in promoting intellectual, political and philosophical diversity? Absolutely.

Is this responsibility limited to our faculty members? Absolutely not.

The diversity principle, in the form currently adopted by the Board of Regents, is stronger without directing its focus toward faculty and without removing the components of geographic and cultural diversity. The primary function of a "Guiding Principle" should be to set a clear and broad goal, which can be focused by regent laws and policies and further refined through university and campus policies.

Promoting diversity in all forms should be the responsibility of faculty, students and staff across the university. Whether this may take the form of a professor leading a discussion that involves politically charged subject matter, or a group of students bringing topics out of the classroom to examine and knock around with others, or staff members debating legislative topics during their breaks, all members of the university share equal responsibility for ensuring that such discourse is respectful and inclusive.

Many of us are part of the University of Colorado because we expect and appreciate the opportunity to challenge ourselves and expand our understanding by being open to the ideas, perspectives and revelations that flourish within this great institution. In order for philosophical, political or intellectual diversity to thrive, all members of the CU community must share the directive to promote such activities.

On this basis, the University of Colorado Staff Council is opposed to the amendment proposed by Regent Geddes, and will present that viewpoint to the Board of Regents during their business meeting June 24-25.

Lori Krug is a classified staff employee in CU system administration and is chair of the University of Colorado Staff Council (UCSC). She earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from CU-Boulder. The above views have been endorsed by the representative members of UCSC, and reflect the opinions of a majority of university staff who responded to a recent survey. More staff survey responses on this topic may be submitted tohttp://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YKBHNYT[29] and will be presented to the Board of Regents at its June 24-25 meeting.

Campus Construction providing much needed buildings for CU-Boulder[30]
Photo by Andi Fabri/University of Colorado

The VAC opened to art and art history classes in December 2009.
Photo by Andi Fabri/University of ColoradoThe VAC opened to art and art history classes in December 2009.

Editor's note: Bill Ward, assistant director for construction at CU-Boulder, provided this update for Inside CU.

With spring commencement past, students leaving and new people coming to campus for the summer, it seems like a great opportunity to update on existing projects and the beginning of new ones.

When you walk out of the north entrance of the UMC, you will notice the new Visual Arts Complex[32]. This 170,000-square-foot building blends in nicely with the Rural Italian Vernacular style that CU-Boulder is known for. The complex opened its doors to art and art history students and faculty in December, and the art museum has been enjoying the new space since March. Promoting new interdisciplinary work, and state-of-the-art studio space, this building truly is a sight to see.

The Institute of Behavioral Science[33] building, on the northwest part of campus, is well under way, with the hope of bringing researchers from nine different buildings under its roof this fall. The $13.4 million project will bring one of the oldest departments on campus together under one roof for the first time in more than 50 years.

We began work last February on the new Center for Community (C4C[34]) project, a 323,000-square-foot building just east of Regent that pedestrians can safely get to by walking through the new Regent Crossing underpass. C4C seems to be flying up, and is expected to open doors to the new, innovative dining facility this August. Student services, such as the Office of International Education (OIE[35]), Career Services[36] and Disability Services[37], among others, are anticipating welcoming students to their new location early in fall 2010.

The new student service office location frees up space in Willard and Hallett halls, which will both begin renovations this summer to allow more bed space for students on campus. These projects, in addition to the progress being made in the Kittredge complex, are helping to move the university in the direction of a living-learning lifestyle that is a goal in the Flagship 2030[38] strategic plan.

With research as another significant driver in the Flagship 2030 plan, we are anxiously watching the Jennie Smoly Caruthers Biotechnology Building take shape on the east Campus. The Colorado Initiative in Molecular Biotechnology (CIMB[39]) will first house biochemistry, chemical and biological engineering in 261,000 square feet of modern laboratories in fall 2011.

On the main campus, JILA[40] is looking forward to a heavily anticipated addition. Work on this 50,000-square-foot addition began this May and will continue into January 2012. This tight site provides many challenges for the contractor – bordered by Baker residence hall, Imig Music, Environmental Design and, of course, JILA. There will be unavoidable disruptions to the area; during the summer, campus commuters may find it easier to avoid the area entirely. JILA is a joint research institute between the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the University of Colorado. Because of this unique relationship, the project has the benefit of receiving federal funding through NIST.

Athletics is looking forward to welcoming new coaches to a new basketball/volleyball practice facility. The facility broke ground in April, and is expected to be open for business in August 2011. The facility, which will be attached to the Coors Events Center, will hold two NCAA regulation size basketball courts that will also serve as volleyball courts. The extra courts help alleviate a multitude of scheduling issues that the Coors Events Center has dealt with for years.

CU students have been driving the campus in sustainability initiatives for years. As proof of their success, the new Williams Village IIa residence hall will open in August 2011 as one of the greenest residence halls in the nation. Currently, the building is tracking for a rating of LEED Platinum, with the university anticipating a focus on sustainable design once the students move in. This living laboratory will be the perfect atmosphere for students to learn about the building in which they live.

Once students return this fall, the UMC Alferd Packer Grill and Baby Doe's Café will be under construction, creating a new, roomier, more convenient area. The remodel is expected to be completed in the middle of fall semester. The

UMC will experience some restraints during construction, but is expected to be open for business.

The CU Museum of Natural History[41] will be closed for the summer into January because of construction that will add two external stair cases and a fire sprinkler system. The Henderson museum building is one of Charles Klauder's first buildings on campus and is in need of significant fire and safety improvements.

With the economic hardships the state is facing, you may be curious to know how the university is able to undertake so many projects. As people say, construction is a good sign of a healthy university, and we have a proven track record for finding alternative funding when needed. Most projects are funded through auxiliary fees over the long term, gifts from private donors and cash funding. Ultimately, these projects are being completed with little or no state funding.

We understand the campus might feel like one large construction zone; we appreciate your patience and truly believe these projects benefit the whole. As always, please e-mail[42] Planning, Design and Construction[43] with your comments or concerns.

Wisner, former dean of students, dies in bike accident[44]

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Ron Wisner, dean of students at UCCS from 1979 to 2003, died Friday, May 21, in a mountain bike accident in an open trails area between Monument and Castle Rock, according to family members.

Following his retirement from UCCS, Ron served as an instructor for the Semester at Sea Program and recently rejoined the university on a part-time appointment to assist with student affairs.

The obituary, as prepared by family, follows:

Ronald E. Wisner, born June 18, 1942, adored husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle, died May 21, 2010.

Ron led a full and adventurous life. Born in Upper Sandusky, Ohio, he graduated from Wittenberg University and joined the newly created Peace Corps to teach agricultural practices to farmers in Niger, West Africa. From this experience, he developed a lifelong love of world travel and interest in exploring cultures.

After his return from Africa, Ron attended Michigan State, where he met Jane Haven. After a six-month courtship, they married. Ron earned his master's degree at Michigan State and began his career at UM-Flint as assistant dean for student services. Ron and Jane welcomed Sara and Mark into the world, and moved their family West – for Ron to accept a position at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs as dean for student life, and to enjoy a sport-filled lifestyle. At UCCS, Ron also served posts as executive director of student affairs and dean of students. Concurrently with his academic positions – and in between running marathons, skiing Colorado's resorts and living life to the fullest – Ron achieved his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. A Fulbright Scholar, he was as intelligent as he was lovable.

Ron and Jane were exemplary models for retired life. They spent a year teaching in Copenhagen, Denmark, twice traveled around the world as staff of the Semester at Sea program, and embarked on cycling, skiing and hiking trips with family and friends. Ron was a serial volunteer, giving of his time and talents to the Pikes Peak Marathon, Garden of the Gods running club, U.S. Olympic Committee, Vail Music Festival, Pikes Peak Library, Tri-Lakes Transportation Services for Seniors and Citizen's Project. He served as a board member of the Karen Possehl Endowment for Nontraditional Women's Scholarships, the UCCS Chancellor's Leadership Class, the Pikes Peak Area Peace Corps Alumni, and his latest passion, the Kids on Bikes project.

Ron never met a dessert or beer he didn't enjoy. Scheduled to the maximum, above all else family came first in his heart and calendar.

Wartgow, Marks take on new leadership roles[46]

Jerry Wartgow

Editor's note: This story appeared as an update after the publication of last week'sNewsletter.

Jerry Wartgow has been named interim chancellor of the University of Colorado Denver by CU President Bruce D. Benson.

A veteran of education in Colorado and elsewhere, Wartgow has served as superintendent of Denver Public Schools (2001-05), president of the Colorado Community Colleges System (1986-98) and deputy executive director and acting executive director of the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (1973-78).

Most recently, he was Fulbright Senior Specialist to Hong Kong, advising senior administrators at eight public universities on transitioning the higher education system from a three-year British model to a four-year American model. His complete résumé can be found here[48].

"Jerry Wartgow has the experience, management skills and Colorado connections to help the University of Colorado Denver address the significant challenges facing the campus, and will also help us take advantage of opportunities to move UCD forward," Benson said.

Wartgow officially starts Aug. 3. He replaces Dr. M. Roy Wilson, who will take on new duties for CU, working more directly with national organizations in support of higher education.

Benson said no decisions about a search for a permanent chancellor would be made until after the campus completes the national reaccreditation process, which begins late this fall and proceeds into 2011.

"I'm excited to work with the entire University of Colorado Denver community to ensure we build on our significant strengths and address our challenges," Wartgow said. "We also need to continue to meet the needs of the metro area, the state and our partners in education."

Lilly Marks

Benson also appointed Lilly Marks, senior associate dean for finance and administration of the University of Colorado School of Medicine and executive director of University Physicians Inc., as vice president for health affairs and executive vice chancellor at the university's Anschutz Medical Campus. She will oversee its academic, clinical and research operations and focus on key strategic issues such as transportation, relationships with affiliate hospitals and development on and around the campus.

"Lilly Marks has had a longstanding passion for advancing the academic mission of our health programs," Benson said. "Her skills and experience will help us deal with critical issues such as funding and the continued growth and development of our Anschutz Medical Campus."

Marks will begin her new duties June 30. In her current position, she manages an annual budget of more than $1 billion at CU's School of Medicine and also is executive director of University Physicians Inc., which is a national model for academic practice plans. A CU alumna, she has worked at the university since 1976. Her complete résumé is here[50].

"These are extremely challenging times for academic medical centers nationally as they are buffeted by declining state support, constrained research funding, and major changes resulting from health care reform," Marks said. "I look forward to using my skills and three decades of experience at CU to help create and sustain the physical, academic and financial environment that will allow the Anschutz Medical Campus to play a leadership role in Colorado and the nation in advancing science, improving care, and training the health professionals of tomorrow."

In a letter to the university community, Benson wrote, "Let me be clear that we remain committed to a consolidated university. In many ways, the endeavor is a model for the shared services approach we are instituting across the CU system and with our higher education colleagues around the state.

"At the same time, both UCD and AMC face significant challenges brought about by unprecedented reductions in state funding. Those challenges are sufficiently distinct that they require distinct leadership. The model we will employ is similar to that at other institutions nationwide, while also allowing us to address issues unique to the Anschutz Medical Campus."

University of Colorado Hospital moves forward with $400 million expansion[51]

University of Colorado Hospital (UCH) has announced ambitious plans to add a second inpatient tower to meet what has grown into enormous demand for its services. At a cost of about $400 million, the project brings more patient beds, more emergency care and more jobs to the Anschutz Medical Campus and the state.

"As the only academic medical center in the Rocky Mountains, our team of specialists and sub-specialists provide unique care for patients with complex health care needs," said Bruce Schroffel, hospital president and CEO. "Expanding the hospital will allow us to provide that care to more people in Colorado and the entire Rocky Mountain region.

"University of Colorado Hospital has been working near or above capacity since moving our inpatient facilities to the Anschutz Medical Campus in 2007," Schroffel added. "The demand for our services only promises to grow, and expanding the hospital will help us continue to serve a growing patient population."

The expansion project will consist of a second building dedicated to inpatient and emergency care. The first inpatient building, the Anschutz Inpatient Pavilion, opened in 2004. UCH moved its remaining inpatient practices from its old site at Ninth Avenue and Colorado Boulevard in Denver to the new Aurora campus in June 2007.

The newest building, slated to open in 2013, will immediately add 144 staffed inpatient beds to the hospital's current capacity of 407, and will include space to add another 120 to 144 beds to meet future demand.

The project will add 660,000 square feet of new construction, while another 60,000 square feet of existing space will be renovated. The new tower will include a much larger emergency department, more operating rooms and additional diagnostic and treatment facilities. The expansion also includes more parking and better access to the rapidly expanding Anschutz Medical Campus.

Planning for the new tower, which normally takes 12 to 18 months, was completed with unusual speed. It accelerated in January when an executive committee and 22 user groups began meeting to ensure that the new inpatient tower will meet the needs of the region's growing population.

The UCH expansion project brings an economic stimulus plan to the Anschutz Medical Campus and the region. The project will result in hundreds of new jobs and millions of dollars in material costs and tax revenue for Aurora, the metro area and the state.

"This is a multi-million-dollar project. And while UCH and its patients will benefit from the expansion, the entire state of Colorado also will see the positive effects. We also will be bringing over a thousand jobs to our community," Schroffel said. "And we will be able to do this without any funding from the state or federal governments."

When it is finished, the addition will mean another 1,400 jobs at the hospital with an average salary of $81,000 a year including benefits. The project also will create 600-650 jobs for those involved in the construction.

UCH also is in the midst of a $67 million project to implement an integrated, patient-centered electronic medical record across all clinical areas. That project ultimately will bring another 150 jobs to the Anschutz Medical Campus during its three-year implementation period.

Finally, a capital campaign is under way to raise $20 million for a much-needed expansion of the hospital's Anschutz Cancer Pavilion. The hospital's cancer services have seen a patient increase of nearly 100 percent since opening in 2001. The University of Colorado Cancer Center is the only National Cancer Institute designated comprehensive cancer center in the region, and one of only 40 in the United States. UCH hopes to start construction on the cancer center expansion before the end of 2010.

"Patient outcomes at the University of Colorado Cancer Center are all significantly above state and national averages, and are another reason why demand for our services has grown so dramatically," Schroffel said.

Selection of the architect and general contractor is under way. The UCH board of directors approved the project last month.

CU-Boulder School of Education to benefit from estate gift[52]

Carol Robinson Reynolds (BA '58, MA '68, EdD '78) knows the value of a CU degree. After all, she has three of them, the last two from the School of Education at the University of Colorado at Boulder. And having spent nearly 30 years as a teacher in the Denver Public Schools district, she understands the importance of inspiring tomorrow's educators.

In 2007, she and her husband, Charles, established a scholarship at the School of Education. And now they have made an estate commitment that will not only exponentially increase this scholarship's impact, but also strengthen the school's financial standing across the board.

"I chose to give to the School of Education primarily because I went there, and I feel I got a very good education," she said.

Particularly notable about the Reynolds' generosity is that half the sum of the $750,000 estate commitment will be unrestricted, for use at the dean's discretion. When realized, this portion will be the largest unrestricted private gift in School of Education history.

The Reynoldses hope their estate commitment will inspire others to act similarly.

"I would encourage anybody who has had experience with CU-Boulder to look at the programs they offer and make an estate gift, if they're able," Carol said. "We expect the CU-Boulder School of Education to be around for a long time, continuing to educate the population and bringing very good teachers into the system."

Taste Connections licenses CU low-protein meat supplement[53]

The University of Colorado and Taste Connections LLC, a California-based company, have completed a licensing agreement allowing Taste Connections to commercialize a CU technology for low-protein meat products.

Protein is an essential element of our everyday diet, and is necessary for growth, repair and upkeep of the human body. However, some people are unable to completely break down dietary protein because they are missing a particular enzyme (due to a variety of inherited disorders), and a buildup of specific amino acids (the building blocks of proteins) occurs. This buildup can lead to neurological damage, coma or death. From infancy, these people are limited in their whole-protein choices; their diets are supplemented with metabolic formulas that supply most of the calories, vitamins, minerals and total protein they need, but their diet must still be kept low in specific amino acids.

A research group led by Laurie Bernstein, an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, has developed a low-protein substitute for bacon, which is usually too high in protein for patients who are on amino-acid-restricted diets. Using the formula developed at CU, the protein composition of the bacon substitute can be reduced by up to 80 percent or more compared to the original meat product. These lower protein levels allow a person to continue consuming low-protein food options that add flavor and increase satiety, while still limiting the intake of the specific amino acids that cannot be broken down. People who are on low-protein diets for other reasons such as kidney disease might also find these products useful.

Taste Connections plans to use the technology, which it exclusively licensed from CU, to develop low-protein bacon bits.

"Preparing low-protein products that taste delicious is the main goal for my company and adding this new product will enhance our ability to offer a satisfying menu of products," said Malathy Ramanujam, CEO of Taste Connections.

"We are hopeful that these new products will contribute to a higher quality of life for individuals suffering from inherited metabolic disorders," said Rick Silva of the University of Colorado Technology Transfer Office.

UCCS celebrates faculty promotions[54]

Eleven University of Colorado at Colorado Springs faculty members recently were honored with a reception at the home of Provost Peg Bacon. For the 2010-2011 academic year, two were promoted to professor and nine were promoted to associate professor and recommended for the granting of tenure.

The tenure recommendations are scheduled for review by the CU Board of Regents on June 24.
Those receiving promotions and recommendations for tenure and their department or college are:

Promotion to professor:
Jacqueline Berning, biology **Robert (Rex) Welshon,** philosophy
Promotion to associate professor and recommended for tenure:
Radu Cascaval, math **Michele Companion,** sociology **Anatoliy Glushchenko,** physics **Christi Kasa-Hendrickson,** education **Sherwyn Morreale,** communication **Emily Skop,** geography and environmental studies **Steven Tragesser,** engineering and applied science **Rhonda Williams,** education **Tom Wolkow,** biology

New look for SkillPort coming soon[55]

Big changes are coming to the employee learning system SkillPort.

Later this month, SkillPort 7 will be released, providing employees with a new look and feel to access online learning. The system will provide an improved catalog structure, giving users a more intuitive approach to finding courses within the SkillSoft library. You still will be able to locate your favorite books through Books 24x7 or a learning resource through the Search and Learn function.

For ongoing updates on SkillPort 7, go to the Employee Learning and Development website,https://www.cu.edu/eld[56].

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