

[Video: Cyber Range project strengthens cybersecurity education, workforce development](#)^[1]

Through the Cyber Range creation project, UCCS and CU Denver are helping prepare the next generation of cybersecurity professionals through immersive, hands-on learning experiences.

Supported by a [CU Next Award](#)^[2] from the CU system, the initiative established a shared Cyber Range environment that allows students to train in realistic cybersecurity scenarios, simulating the kinds of threats and challenges faced by businesses, government agencies and organizations across the country.

The project gives students opportunities to develop practical skills in areas such as network defense, threat detection and incident response while strengthening collaboration between the Colorado Springs and Denver campuses. Faculty also are using the Cyber Range to enhance coursework, expand research opportunities and create new pathways into Colorado's growing cybersecurity workforce.

By combining innovative technology with experiential learning, the program is helping to position UCCS and CU Denver as leaders in cybersecurity education and workforce development.

See the video above to learn how students and faculty are using the Cyber Range to tackle real-world cybersecurity challenges and prepare for careers protecting critical systems and infrastructure.

[Last call at the Benefits Bistro: Open Enrollment ends at 5 p.m. Friday](#)^[3]

[Record number of graduates celebrated at 2026 commencement ceremony](#) ^[4]

[Regents approve actions to laws and policies](#)^[5]

Actions to the following laws and policies were adopted by the Board of Regents at its April 16 meeting at CU Denver: Article 13: Business and Finance (Keep As Is) Part A: Finance Part B: Fiscal Authority and Responsibility of Officers Part C: Fiscal Authority and Responsibility of All Employees Part D: Financial Records Policy 13.C: Approval of the University Risk and Insurance Management Program (Keep As Is) Policy 13.J: Artificial Intelligence Technologies (New)

Article 13 and Policy 13.C were scheduled for review as part of the [Board of Regents' five-year review schedule](#)^[6] for regent laws and policies.

For a more detailed summary of the changes provided in the policy justifications and redline drafts, go to <https://www.cu.edu/regents/rlpreview#tabs-2>^[7].

[Tenure list: April 2026](#)^[8]

The CU Board of Regents on April 16 approved four tenure awards and one appointment with tenure.

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Awards of tenure:

Bruce Dye, Professor, Community Dentistry and Population Health, School of Dental Medicine **Christine Rael**, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing **Sean Reed**, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing **Denise Smith**, Assistant Professor, College of Nursing

Appointment with tenure:

Elizabeth Brickley, Visiting Professor, Epidemiology, Colorado School of Public Health

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From May 1, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on DHS Shutdown Ending, NSB Dismissal, ED Loan Limit Rule, WH Federal Contracting EO and New FAFSA Fraud Prevention Tool.

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From April 30, this monthly update from CU Federal Relations includes information on FY27 and FY26 Approps, Rep. Neguse at CWA, Sen. Hickenlooper at LASP and QC, CU Boulder CO Climate Week, Space Symposium in CO Springs, Recent Capitol Hill Visits and Recent CO Events.

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