Hickenlooper appoints Griego to Board of Regents[1]

Irene Griego

Gov. John Hickenlooper[3] on Friday, Nov. 18, appointed Irene C. Griego, Ph.D., to fill the vacancy on the University of Colorado Board of Regents created by the resignation of Monisha Merchant.

Griego is director for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the interim community superintendent for Jefferson County Public Schools. She has 38 years of experience as a teacher, school principal, community superintendent and university instructor.

Griego earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado Boulder, a master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and a doctorate from the University of Colorado Denver.

"The University of Colorado community welcomes Irene Griego to the Board of Regents," said CU President Bruce D. Benson. "As a two-time alumna of CU, she brings important perspective and a strong understanding of the value and contributions of the university. I look forward to working with her as the Board of Regents and CU administration collaborate to guide our great university through challenging times."

Griego worked as a community superintendent in Jeffco Public Schools from 2000 to 2010. She was responsible for general administration and supervision of schools, instructional and administrative staff in 37 K-12 schools in central Jefferson County. She previously worked as part-time faculty at the University of Colorado Denver (1997-2000) and as program coordinator and part-time faculty for the Teachers for Colorado Program at Metropolitan State College of Denver (1993-1995).

Griego served as a principal at Stein Elementary (1990-2000) and Zerger Elementary (1989) in Jefferson County and at McCollam Elementary School, San Jose, Calif. (1989-1990). She was assistant principal in Denver Public Schools' Sabin Elementary (1987-1989) and at Goldrick Elementary (1986-1987). Griego also was a classroom teacher in Denver Public Schools (1975-1986).

"The University of Colorado is one of the greatest universities in our country," Griego said. "I look forward to working with the Board of Regents and Bruce Benson, president of the university, to continue their great work."

The state Constitution gives the governor authority to fill vacancies on the Board of Regents. Griego will hold office until the next general election (2012) and until a successor is elected.

Merchant was elected to the board in 2008 and began her term in January 2009. She resigned in September to take a post as a staff member for Sen. Michael Bennet.

Reminder: Healthy celebration set for Friday, Dec. 2[4]

A celebration in recognition of all participants in the Be Colorado health assessment and health screenings is set for 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, at the CU Denver Terrace Room, 1380 Lawrence St., second floor.

CU Denver Chancellor Jerry Wartgow, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer E. Jill Pollock, and Be Colorado Honorary Chair Marcy Benson will be on hand to honor CU Denver for winning the campus participation competition. They'll also help launch the next leg of the Be Colorado wellness journey, the Healthy Through the Holidays campaign. A representative from Anthem also will attend to pick winners in the drawings for a dozen iPads and 25 REI gift cards.

Be Colorado invites all faculty and staff to attend the celebration and participate in the Healthy Through the Holidays

campaign, a six-week “holiday sampler” of wellness program offerings.

The holidays bring with them not-so-welcome gifts of their own, including stress, weight gain, and financial burden — all factors that can negatively affect wellness.

The Healthy Through the Holidays campaign will highlight the five Be Colorado dimensions of wellness – Be Secure, Be Optimistic, Be Energized, Be Inquisitive and Be Connected – and introduce a specially designed America On the Move (AOM) website. A variety of fun activities will keep you engaged, including setting your New Year’s resolution early, doing “recipe rehab” on traditional holiday favorite recipes, and sharing tips on how you maintain your health and wellness during the holidays.

Throughout the six-week challenge, weekly winners will be recognized for their submitted recipes and tips. Participants also will receive daily trivia and tips, healthy holiday recipes and evidence-based information about how best to navigate the holiday sea of temptation.

Each week there will be a chance for all holiday challenge participants to win an iPod Shuffle and, at the end of the six-week challenge, each campus’ participants will be entered to win an iPod Nano. Sign up for the holiday challenge early for more chances to win.

To take part in the Healthy Through the Holidays challenge, register on the AOM website at universityhealth.americaonthemove.org[5].

After the holiday campaign ends Jan. 13, only those University of Colorado, University of Colorado Hospital and University Physicians Inc. employees and retirees who are primary members of University of Colorado Health and Welfare Trust plans (UA Net, UA Net Colorado Springs, HMO Colorado, Lumenos, Kaiser Permanente, and Medicare Primary) will be eligible to participate in the subsequent Be Colorado campaigns and challenges.

Professors honored as ‘heart’ of university[6]

Stephen I. Goodman, M.D., left, Peter M. Henson, Ph.D., right, shake hands with Regent Tilman “Tillie” Bishop. Photos: Casey A. Cass/University of Colorado

At its Nov. 10 meeting at CU-Boulder, the University of Colorado Board of Regents continued to recognize the six Distinguished Professors chosen in 2011. Stephen I. Goodman, M.D., professor of pediatrics in the School of Medicine, and Peter M. Henson, Ph.D., professor of pharmacology, immunology and pathology in the School of Medicine, received the university’s highest honor -- and standing ovations for their ongoing contributions.

The board thanked the professors for their dedication to the university, its communities and across the globe. “A great university is a great many things, but academic excellence is at its heart,” said Kyle Hybl, chair of the regents.

Other 2011 honorees, Wayne Cascio, Peter deLeon and Richard Traytsman, received their awards at an earlier meeting[8], and E. Chester Ridgway, M.D., MACP, professor of endocrinology at the School of Medicine, will be honored at a future regents meeting.

Distinguished Professors[9] are faculty members who demonstrate exemplary performance in research or creative work, a record of excellence in classroom teaching and supervision of individual learning, and outstanding service to the profession, university and community.

Goodman has worked for more than 45 years to develop and improve methods to diagnose, investigate, treat and prevent inborn human metabolism errors, rare genetic disorders in which the body cannot properly turn food into energy.

“When I came to Denver in the middle 1960s, my mentor told me if I could be successful in what I was aiming to do, I’d never really work, I’d be rewarded for ‘playing,’” Goodman said. “I’ve been extremely fortunate, and I haven’t worked a day in my life.” Goodman has been director of the Diagnostic Biochemical Laboratory in the School of Medicine for 40 years.

Henson joined the Pulmonary Division at the University of Colorado in 1977 and co-directed the division from 1985-1987. He has focused his research on tissue remodeling and homeostasis as well as many forms of pulmonary disease. He has placed particular emphasis on pathogenic and inflammatory mechanisms in acute lung injury, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and interstitial lung diseases.

“As has been said many times, it’s very special to be honored by one’s home institution,” Henson said. “I’ve been here 35 years and it has been a wonderful academic home: stimulating, rewarding. I appreciate the institution, the university and the regents that have allowed us to be successful.”

Merchant honored as Regent-Emeritus[10]

Photo by Casey A. Cass/University of Colorado

Former CU Regent **Monisha Merchant** was honored as Regent-Emeritus during the Board of Regents meeting Wednesday, Nov. 9, at CU-Boulder’s East Campus. Regents **Joe Neguse**, left, and **James Geddes** read and presented her with a resolution of appreciation. The three regents began their terms together in January 2009; Merchant resigned in September to take a post as a staff member for Sen. **Michael Bennet**. Gov. **John Hickenlooper** named Irene Griego as Merchant's replacement on Friday, Nov. 18. See story here[12].

Byers elected to post at American Cancer Society[13]

Byers

Tim. E. Byers was elected first vice president of the American Cancer Society, the nation’s largest voluntary health organization. Eleven new officers were elected to the volunteer 2011-2012 National Board of Directors during a recent meeting.

Byers is the associate director at the University of Colorado Cancer Center, the associate dean for the Public Health Practice at the Colorado School of Public Health and a nationally recognized epidemiologist. He originally served as a peer reviewer in the Extramural Research Grants program and as a member of the epidemiology team planning for Cancer Prevention Study- II analyses. He has been an American Cancer Society volunteer for nearly 30 years.

For holidays, CSF tunes in ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’[15]

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For its annual holiday production, the Colorado Shakespeare Festival (CSF) presents a life-affirming look into a bygone era with “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play by Joe Landry.”

For the play, five actors gather in a 1940s radio studio to retell the story from Frank Capra's classic film in front of a live studio audience. Complete with light-up applause signs, sound effects and multiple voices for each actor, this show is as entertaining as it is heartwarming. Directed by Kate Berry, the production features new and familiar faces from the CSF resident company.

Performances begin Dec. 2 and continue through Dec. 24 at the University Theatre Building on the CU-Boulder campus. A preview performance is set for Dec. 1. The Dec. 8 performance is a fundraiser for Community Food Share, with half of proceeds going directly to the food bank for Boulder and Broomfield counties. Click here to buy tickets now [17], or call the box office at 303-492-0554.

Air Force Academy recognition for UCCS professor[18]

Alex Soifer, professor of interdepartmental studies at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, recently was recognized by the U.S. Air Force Academy for his efforts to screen the film "The Moscow Siege" for cadets, faculty and guests Oct. 27.

The film depicts in graphic detail the four-day ordeal of patrons trapped inside Moscow's Nord-Ost Theater in 2002 when it was stormed by Chechen separatists. The siege ended when nerve gas was piped into the theater, incapacitating the terrorists and allowing Russian commandos to enter and shoot them. The terrorists, as well as more than 100 hostages, died.

The film supplemented the USAFA's Social Science 412 course and members of the Slavic Studies Club also attended. Soifer secured permission from the film's London-based producers for the screening and added personal commentary for the cadets.

"I think cadets who attended the film viewing came away with a deeper understanding of the complexities of ethnic conflict," Lt. Col. Jennifer Alexander said in a USAFA press release. "Several cadets mentioned they didn't realize the extent of the damage inflicted in Chechnya by the Russians. They saw the possibility that the Chechens were not just terrorists but also victims."

To see the complete version of the USAFA announcement, visit http://www.usafa.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123278832 [19].

To see an account of the siege, visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkxRdSZzeGc[20]

Veterans Day event recognizes sacrifices of service men, women[21]

The Scottish American Military Society presents the colors during the processional at the Tribute to Veterans ceremony at Tivoli Commons on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

The sacrifices of U.S. service men and women past and present were honored in a "Tribute to Veterans" ceremony at the Tivoli Commons on the Auraria Campus on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

The ceremony included a processional and color guard presented by the Metropolitan State College ROTC and the Scottish American Military Society. Speakers included University of Colorado Denver Provost Rod Nairn, CU Denver student and Air Force veteran Dennis Mont'Ros and Metropolitan State College President Stephen Jordan. The keynote address was given by Col. Daniel Dant, Commander at Buckley Air Force Base.

About 100 people gathered for the ceremony under sunny skies; ninety red, white and blue balloons were released as a tribute to the 90 Colorado servicemen who've died in Afghanistan and Iraq in the past 10 years.

Nairn said it is a privilege to reflect upon the sacrifices made by veterans.

"It's a very large number of people we owe a huge debt of gratitude to. The history of humanity, of America is filled with these conflicts," he said. "As we stand here today, thousands of our fellow citizens serve in Iraq and Afghanistan. Many more thousands have lost their lives there as well. So it is today that we make this seemingly small attempt to pay proper tribute to what are inconceivable sacrifices made by our fellow citizens."

Mont'Ros said he is privileged to be a freshman at CU Denver and that his 20-year Air Force career has made him the man he is today.

"The responsibility of command is so much more difficult and complicated than anything I ever had to face," Mont'Ros said. "Every day I contemplate veterans, I think of them as brothers."

Mont'Ros introduced Dant as a superstar in the military. "We gather to recognize our veterans who have sacrificed both in war and in peace to protect our way of life," Dant said. "... Our men and women in uniform both past and present have been and continue to be the most powerful line of defense in all conflicts against enemies who set out to harm the way of life we so cherish. The strength of our military is the skill of these veterans we're talking about today - those people who have worn the uniform for our nation."

The event was sponsored by the University of Colorado Denver Veterans Services, Auraria Casa Mayan Heritage, Health Center at Auraria and the Metropolitan State Office of Student Life.

Scientists: Loss of ability to distinguish odors poses hazards to elderly[23]

Scientists studying how the sense of smell changes as people age have found that olfactory sensory neurons in those 60 and over showed an unexpected response to odor that made it more difficult to distinguish specific smells, putting them at greater risk from dangerous chemicals and poor nutrition.

"We found clear changes in olfactory sensory neuron responses to odors for those 60 and up," said Professor Diego Restrepo, Ph.D., director of the Center for NeuroScience at the University of Colorado School of Medicine[24], who led the researchers. "When we presented two different odors to the olfactory sensory neurons of younger people, they responded to one or the other. The sensory neurons from the elderly responded to both. This would make it harder for the elderly to differentiate between them."

According to the study published in the latest issue of Neurobiology of Aging, those losing their sense of smell are at a higher risk of malnutrition since taste and smell are closely related. They may also be unable to detect spoiled food, leaking gas or toxic vapors.

Researchers looked at 440 subjects in two age groups – those 45 years old and younger and those 60 and over. Their olfactory sensory neurons (OSNs) were tested for their responses to two distinct odors as well as subsets of those odors.

Restrepo wanted to determine if age-related differences in the function of OSNs might contribute to an impairment of the sense of smell. In a collaboration with Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, researchers biopsied cells from both age groups.

"Whereas cells from younger donors were highly selective in the odorants to which they responded, cells from older donors were more likely to respond to multiple odor stimuli… suggesting a loss of specificity," the study said.

The scientists had expected to find fewer OSNs in older subjects and they thought the neurons would be less likely to respond to stimuli. Instead, they found as many neurons in the old as the young, but those over 60 could not differentiate between two odors they blended together.

The study suggests that changes in nose and the brain contribute to smell loss in the elderly, Restrepo said.

No Connections next week [25]

CU Connections will not publish on Thursday, Nov. 24. The site will be updated with news during the next two weeks.

The next new issue will appear on Dec. 1. Deadline for submissions is noon Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Colorado Women's Hall of Fame honors CU faculty[26]

Anseth

Ford

Kristi S. Anseth, a University of Colorado Boulder biomedical engineer, and **Loretta C. Ford,** co-founder of the national nurse practitioner movement that began at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, will be inducted into the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame during a March 8, 2012, ceremony. The two join eight other women selected by an independent panel of community members from nominations submitted from across the state.

Anseth is a pioneer in biomedical engineering and a leading researcher and inventor in the fields of biomaterials and regenerative medicine. Her research includes work on developing biological tissue substitutes that restore, maintain or improve tissue function, from helping broken bones heal faster to replacing diseased heart valves. Anseth has 17 patents in biomaterials and tissue engineering, and was a founding member of Mosaic Biosciences, which translates research results into useful products for today's medicine. She was the first engineer to be named a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator, and was a 2004 Alan T. Waterman award winner, the highest award of the National Science Foundation for demonstrated exceptional individual achievement in scientific or engineering research.

Ford was a U.S. Army/Air Force nurse in World War II, and received her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Colorado School of Nursing. She worked as a public health nurse and then as director of nursing for Boulder City/County Health Department. Ford became a full professor at the University of Colorado and then developed the nurse practitioner curriculum and model of nursing practice in collaboration with Henry Silver. Ford's vision -- that nurses with advanced education could provide diagnostic and treatment services to improve patient care -- originated in Colorado and resulted in improved access to primary health care for underserved populations. The practice has spread across the country and world.

Other 2012 contemporary inductees are: Temple Grandin, Ph.D., animal sciences expert and autism advocate; Ding-Wen Hsu, businesswoman and Asian communities leader; Mary Ann Kerwin, women's health advocate; and Mary J. Mullarkey, Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice.

Historical inductees are: Janet Petra Bonnema, transportation engineer; Fannie Mae Duncan, Colorado Springs businesswoman and entrepreneur; Erinea Garcia Gallegos, educator and San Luis Valley postmaster; and Laura

Gilpin, photographer.

“These women exemplify the best qualities of the people who have built and sustained Colorado,” says Ruby Mayeda, chair of the Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame. “They will join the other 122 outstanding women who have shared vision, foresight and the power of accomplishment to become inductees into the Hall of Fame.”

Founded in 1985, the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame is dedicated to recognizing and preserving the history of the accomplishments of past and present Colorado women. Both historical and contemporary women have shared foresight, vision, and the power of accomplishment but lacked a forum for recognition. The Colorado Women’s Hall of Fame ensures that their splendid achievements will not be forgotten.

View from ‘Above the Ashes’ coming to TV[29]

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For five days in September 2010, the Fourmile Canyon Fire raged over ridges and down gullies, leaving long fingers of destruction over more than 6,000 acres. In all, 168 homes were destroyed. Perhaps no other area was as affected as the community of Sunshine, which is surrounded by the ruin: 63 homes burned to the ground, 67 remain mostly intact.

Devastation isn’t the only story to come out of Colorado’s costliest blaze: There were heroes who saved homes and valuables with little more than dirt and shovels and a mighty dose of determination.

The events of those days are told in a new documentary from Michelle Bauer Carpenter[31], an assistant professor in digital design at the University of Colorado Denver College of Arts and Media. Her home was one of those saved by men in the community who refused to heed official evacuation orders.

“Above the Ashes” will air at 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, on Colorado Public Television, Channel 12. Watch the trailer below.

“It’s about normal people doing extraordinary things and doing what you can do to help out your community,” said Carpenter, who directed, produced and edited the half-hour film.

Immediately after the fire, she began video-documenting the devastation and seeking out other footage and photographs. With a faculty development grant, she was able to shoot video of the area during a helicopter flyover. She accessed dispatcher calls and began talking with neighbors.

“For me, it was my way of processing the fire. I just wanted to understand what happened. It was my way of dealing with it.”

As she began collecting stories, however, she said she was amazed “by what these folks did. And their stories began to intertwine.”

In one instance, as four men worked to save a house, flames began eating away at the deck. When Sean McCollum, Charles Doersch, Matt Holmes and Chris Corl realized they could not save the building -- the home of artists -- they went inside and grabbed as much of the artwork as they could and carried it to safety. The residents, Steve and Dee Spencer, and the four rescuers only met one another when Carpenter recently held a screening party for the film.

“Above the Ashes” includes an original score by CU-Boulder alumnus Brandon Vaccaro and a song, “Smoke and Tears,” composed by singer/songwriter Rebecca Folsom, a longtime Sunshine resident.

The ache of loss still is prevalent in the community and the entire burn area. Many residents who lost homes decided

not to rebuild. Although 168 homes were destroyed, Carpenter said, only about 45 building permits have been issued for the area.

There is hope in Sunshine, however. Residents are more tight-knit than ever, offering to help one another in any way possible. Wildflowers and grasses from re-seeding efforts have poked through the ashes in many areas. And last weekend, Carpenter and her neighbors attended a housewarming party in honor of the first home to be rebuilt in the little community. Inside, the new walls of the Spencer home will showcase paintings and other artwork saved from Fourmile's flames.
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Federal Reserve Bank taps UCCS instructor for advisory council[32]

John Brock, senior instructor and director of the Center for Economic Education, Department of Economics at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, recently was selected to participate in the Denver branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City's Economic Education Advisory Council.

Brock is one of 16 educators from Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming selected to serve on the council for 2011-12. The council consists of educators and education professionals committed to advancing economic and financial education. Council members will provide expertise and insight in an advisory capacity related to economic education planning, programs and resource development for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

School of Medicine instructor receives empowerment award[33]

Anderson

Tracey Anderson -- a neurocritical care nurse practitioner, director of Neurocritical Care Program Development and instructor for the University of Colorado School of Medicine in the Department of Neurosurgery at University of Colorado Hospital -- recently received the structural empowerment award from the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Five awards, the first Magnet Nurse of the Year Awards to recognize the outstanding contributions of patient care clinicians working in Magnet hospitals, were handed out during the National Magnet Conference in Baltimore. The awards represent significant contributions in clinical practice, education, research or service. Nominees are judged by a panel of nurse experts for innovation, consultation, leadership and professional risk taking.

Professor knows how to stretch holiday shopping dollar [35]

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Consumers should research prices and quality before they hit the stores or Internet this holiday shopping season, according to University of Colorado Boulder Professor Donald Lichtenstein.

Being prepared can save consumers money, steer them away from overspending and even change their way of thinking about purchasing gifts during the holidays, said Lichtenstein, chair of the marketing department at CU-Boulder's Leeds School of Business.

Many retailers rely on sales in November and December to make up to 40 percent of their revenue for the year, so they are geared up to welcome consumers and get them to spend as much money as possible, he said. Retailers are prepared, so consumers need to be vigilant when they shop.

“Vigilance on quality, vigilance on price and vigilance on what merchants are doing is key,” Lichtenstein said. “A second thing I go back to during the holiday season is: Don’t get caught up in emotional shopping.”

A common mistake many consumers make is that they rely on price or brand names as an indicator of quality, and many people go out and buy a higher priced item because they believe they are getting a higher quality item, he said.

Shoppers need to do their homework, because many times they are just as likely to get a high-quality item by paying a low price as a high price, Lichtenstein said. In some cases, the quality even diminishes as the price goes up.

“So the notion of people going into the marketplace without independent quality information, that’s a big mistake,” he said. “Do your research based on quality, independent of price. Don’t rely on brand name and don’t rely on price exclusively.”

Once you’ve researched quality, then do your price search, he said. There are many ways to do this, but a good place to start is online.

“There is no substitute for going online and spending a little bit of time, after you’ve decided what it is you’re looking for,” Lichtenstein said. “However, there’s a lot of research that shows consumers under-engage in price search. Don’t be that lazy consumer, or it will hurt you.”

This year, some retailers have brought back layaway plans. While they may work well for some consumers, Lichtenstein says to be wary of them.

“One of the things about layaway programs is that they cut down on price search,” Lichtenstein said. “Once I go into a store and put the product on layaway, even if they can undo the layaway, consumers get locked in and usually just check the item off their list and may miss out on a better deal elsewhere.”

Lichtenstein also says to think long and hard about the whole gift-giving process before leaping in.

“The truth of the matter is I think a lot of consumers would be much happier if the gift-giving aspect of the holidays was greatly reduced,” he said.

That being said, most people enjoy giving during the holiday season. Lichtenstein encourages these people to be aware that there are a multitude of advertising efforts at work geared toward getting them to spend more, which can lead people to spend more than they can afford.

“The advertisers say, ‘This Christmas show her you love her with an X’ or ‘Show him you love him with an X,’” Lichtenstein said. “And that X probably costs a lot of money. I think you can show her you love her with a lot less than what the retailers are asking you to spend.”

Other shopping tips for consumers:
Shoppers should be wary of stores that offer price-match guarantees because market research has shown that retailers offering these guarantees often charge higher prices. Higher prices don’t necessarily mean better quality. Lichtenstein recommends doing research on quality, independent of price. If shopping with coupons, avoid buying a product just to “get a deal.” Lichtenstein recommends using them on products the consumer usually purchases. Shoppers should be cautious of reference price advertising -- such as “was $79.95 now $49.95.” In many cases the starting prices are inflated or fictitious.
Audio clips of Lichtenstein discussing holiday shopping tips are available at http://www.colorado.edu/news/broadcast [37].

Donation of $4 million to spur UCCS academic health sciences building[38]

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The John E. and Margaret L. Lane Foundation and Margot Lane of Colorado Springs will donate $4 million to UCCS and Peak Vista Community Health Centers to build an academic health sciences building on North Nevada Avenue.

The building, which will integrate UCCS academic programs and primary health care services for aging adults, will be named the Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences in the Lanes' honor.

Construction of the estimated 56,000-square-foot building is scheduled to begin in late summer 2012. It will be on UCCS property on the east side of North Nevada Avenue and north of the university's monument sign at the intersection of North Nevada Avenue and Austin Bluffs Parkway. The site is now a parking lot.

"We are deeply appreciative of Margot Lane's generous support of the university and this community-wide effort to improve health care," Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak said. "An academic health sciences building on North Nevada will improve health care access and integrate it with university faculty and researchers who seek to improve lives."

Plans call for Peak Vista Community Health Centers to partner in the efforts by owning a portion of the building and using it to house a Senior Health Center, which also will be named in honor of the Lane family. A community mainstay since 1971, Peak Vista now operates 19 health centers throughout the Pikes Peak region, including numerous family health centers, two senior health centers, school-based programs and specialized health centers for homeless, women's, pediatrics, after-hours care and developmental disabilities.

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In a joint statement, Pam McManus, president and CEO of Peak Vista Community Health Centers, and BJ Scott, executive director of the Peak Vista Community Health Centers Foundation, said: "Peak Vista is humbled by the generosity of Margot Lane, who has supported several Peak Vista projects over the years. Margot's passion and excitement to be involved in an innovative service model for seniors in our community is an investment that goes beyond the dollars and challenges us to further define a quality long-term solution for our future that is demonstrated through our partnership with UCCS and strategic thinking."

In September, the CU Board of Regents approved the first phase of plans for an academic health sciences building on the east side of North Nevada Avenue and south of the current Four Diamonds Sports Complex. The first phase provides space for UCCS programs such as the CU Aging Center, Gerontology Center and Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences, as well as the university's doctoral program specializing in the psychological needs of seniors. The site was chosen because of its convenient access to the main UCCS campus as well as its central location for community members and patients and its access to I-25. Future phases will include additional buildings.

"Our family loves this community and it is a privilege to be able to give back to Colorado Springs in this significant way," Margot Lane said. "The importance of UCCS and Peak Vista in this community is tremendous. It is our hope that this collaboration will be a model for other universities and nonprofits around the country."

Creating Futures magazine tells stories of fundraising campaign[41]

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The University of Colorado Foundation has launched Creating Futures magazine, which aims to celebrate philanthropy at CU and generate enthusiasm and support for CU's $1.5 billion Creating Futures fundraising campaign.

The first issue, available in print and online, was introduced Monday through broadcast e-mail to all CU alumni and

donors by campaign chairs Bruce and Marcy Benson.

“To ensure our continued success as a nation, we must build on the strong foundation that education provides,” reads an introductory letter by the Bensons, who are among CU’s most generous donors. “We believe so deeply in this idea that we have made personal investments in CU.”

The online Creating Futures magazine can be viewed here[42]; a version in magazine format is viewable here[43]. The second issue will publish in Spring 2012. Contact jeremy.simon@cufund.org[44] with feedback or ideas related to Creating Futures magazine.

Benson’s town hall slate to conclude in Boulder[45]

CU President Bruce Benson speaks to system administration staff during his town hall meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16, in downtown Denver. Photo: Cathy Beuten/University of Colorado

University of Colorado President Bruce D. Benson concludes a fall series of town hall meetings, in which he speaks before members of all four campuses and system administration, on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at CU-Boulder.

The event begins at 10 a.m. in the UMC Ballroom.

All members of the university community are invited to attend the session, which includes a Q&A period.

The Boulder appearance originally was slated for Oct. 26, but was postponed because of President Obama’s speech at CU Denver the same day.

Assistant professor receives early career award[47]

Fox-Kemper

Baylor Fox-Kemper, assistant professor of atmospheric and ocean sciences at the University of Colorado Boulder, has won the Ocean Sciences Early Career Award from the American Geophysical Union.

Fox-Kemper was cited for his “fundamental contributions to understanding the oceanic general circulation, the dynamical nature of the eddy-filled oceanic mixed layer, and their connection to climate modeling.”

He will receive the award during the AGU fall meeting in December in San Francisco.

Clyfford Still Museum has family ties to CU[49]

Photo by Raul J. Garcia

Denver has the persistence of a University of Colorado School of Medicine professor and Gov. John Hickenlooper to thank for the Clyfford Still Museum[51], further cementing the city’s status as an international center for art and culture.

The museum, featuring 94 percent of Still's total work, making it one of the most comprehensive single-artist collections in the world, opens to the public Friday, Nov. 18, next to the Denver Art Museum.

Curt Freed, professor and head of the University of Colorado School of Medicine's Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology Division[52], put Denver on the path of being home to the collection of the acclaimed artist, who laid the groundwork for the abstract expressionist movement in the 20th century.

Still's second wife, Patricia, was the sister of Freed's mother. Freed first saw Still's work when he was 9 years old, and was aware that Still, who died in 1980, stipulated in his will that he wanted to leave his work to an American city that would build permanent quarters to house it.

About 17 cities were negotiating with Patricia to house the collection, but no deal had been reached by the late 1990s.

"In 1999, recognizing her fragility, I went to her and said, 'How about I approach the city of Denver and perhaps Denver will be receptive?'" Freed said. "She sent me a letter, which is now framed here in the museum, simply saying, 'Curt, I was just thinking about Denver.'"

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper talks with the University of Colorado School of Medicine's Curt Freed for a video crew from the CU Anschutz Medical Campus during opening festivity for the Clyfford Still Museum. Nearly all the work by Still, in photo on wall, is housed at the gallery that opens to the public Saturday.

Freed contacted Lewis Sharp, then director of the Denver Art Museum, about the collection, and he was very interested.

"Unfortunately, for four years, nothing happened until Mayor Hickenlooper, now the governor, came into office (in January 2004) and also got enthusiastic about the idea. ... He was very persuasive, and by August of 2004 we had a deal with Denver."

Hickenlooper led a group of dignitaries, including current Denver Mayor Michael Hancock and building architect Brad Cloepfil, of Allied Works Architecture, who spoke at a press preview of the Clyfford Still Museum on Nov. 15. Hickenlooper said Freed was instrumental to Denver being selected for the museum.

"Here is once again another example of what a great university does for a community," Hickenlooper said. "It does more than educating your kids. It brings people like Dr. Freed to town and allows us to benefit from your connections and your life's network. ... We are certainly grateful you are here, and without you this would have never happened. We are grateful to you, the university, your aunt, everyone."

The 28,500-square-foot museum, which features nine natural light-filled galleries, includes the Dr. and Mrs. Curt R. Freed Gallery, which will display pieces from Still's collection of 1,575 works on paper.

Hickenlooper said the works of Still, who was born in North Dakota and grew up in Spokane, Wash., and Alberta, Canada, belonged in the West.

"He's a great representation of Denver, much the same way the University of Colorado is," Hickenlooper said. "The university is out there doing things in a different way and trying to find different ways of teaching, not just medical students, but engineers and scientists of all sorts. That willingness to take some risk to go out there and seek out innovation and embrace it, it is uniquely Colorado. It's uniquely Clyfford Still. It's uniquely Curt Freed."

Holiday toast: 'To your health'[54]

The health screenings and health assessments have wrapped up, but the Be Colorado wellness journey is just getting started. Be Colorado will host a celebration from 1 to 3 p.m. Dec. 2 at the CU Denver Terrace Room, 1380 Lawrence St., second floor.

The celebration will recognize all participants in the health assessment and health screenings, and honor CU Denver for winning the campus participation competition.

CU Denver Chancellor Jerry Wartgow, Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer E. Jill Pollock, and Be Colorado Executive Sponsor Marcy Benson will be on hand to recognize CU Denver and help launch the next steps in the Be Colorado wellness journey, the Healthy Through the Holidays campaign. A representative from Anthem also will attend to pick winners in the drawings for an i-Pad and REI gift cards.

Be Colorado invites all faculty and staff to attend the celebration and participate in the Healthy Through the Holidays campaign, a six-week “holiday sampler” of wellness program offerings.

The holidays bring with them not-so-welcome gifts of their own, including stress, weight gain, and financial burden — all factors that can negatively affect wellness.

The Healthy Through the Holidays campaign will highlight the five Be Colorado dimensions of wellness – Be Secure, Be Optimistic, Be Energized, Be Inquisitive and Be Connected, and introduce a specially designed America On the Move (AOM) website. A variety of fun activities will keep you engaged, including setting your New Year’s resolution early, doing “recipe rehab” on traditional holiday favorite recipes, and sharing tips on how you maintain your health and wellness during the holidays.

Throughout the six-week challenge, weekly winners will be recognized for their submitted recipes and tips. Participants also will receive daily trivia and tips, healthy holiday recipes and evidence-based information about how best to navigate the holiday sea of temptation.

Each week there will be a chance for all holiday challenge participants to win an iPod Shuffle and, at the end of the six-week challenge, each campus’ participants will be entered to win an iPod Nano. Sign up for the holiday challenge early for more chances to win.

To take part in the Healthy Through the Holidays challenge, register on the AOM website at universityhealth.americaonthemove.org[5].

After the holiday campaign ends Jan. 13, only those University of Colorado, University of Colorado Hospital and University Physicians Inc. employees and retirees who are primary members of University of Colorado Health and Welfare Trust plans (UA Net, UA Net Colorado Springs, HMO Colorado, Lumenos, Kaiser Permanente, and Medicare Primary) will be eligible to participate in the subsequent Be Colorado campaigns and challenges.

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