Services pending for UCCS Facilities Services custodial supervisor[1]

Monroe “Mac” McDade

Graveside services are scheduled for 10:15 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, for **Monroe “Mac” McDade,** custodial supervisor, Facilities Services, at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs.

McDade died Sept. 8 at Memorial Hospital following a brief illness.

McDade joined UCCS in 1993 as a temporary employee and became a permanent employee in 1994. He was promoted to custodial supervisor in 2004. Prior to joining UCCS, he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps as a noncommissioned officer.

Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Ingeborg; two daughters, Angelika McShan and Ingeborg Peters; and three grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/[3].

Iraq vet leads ROTC at CU-Boulder[4]

Rozelle

In 2003, shortly after arriving in Iraq, an anti-tank mine blew off Army Maj. **David Rozelle's**right foot and part of his leg below the knee. Now, after three combat tours in Iraq -- two of which came after his injury -- Rozelle is the new commanding officer of the University of Colorado Boulder’s Army ROTC program.

Rozelle's introduction to the Army began as an ROTC cadet at Davidson College in North Carolina, where he graduated in 1995. After his commissioning, Rozelle served in a number of armor and cavalry assignments before 2001, when he received his orders to report to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs for his first day of duty with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment.

"9/11 is a special day for me; it's the day I reported for duty at Fort Carson," Rozelle said. "A decade later, I've gone to war, had my leg blown off, recovered, went back to war a second and third time, and now have come to the University of Colorado to lead and train some of the best officers in the Army. The last 10 years have been a heck of a ride."

Rozelle started at CU-Boulder in May of this year.

After his 2003 injury, Rozelle was determined not to let the wound define him. He dove into rehabilitation and was fitted with an artificial foot and leg that he wears today. Not only can he walk and run but he also returned to his favorite sport, skiing, just months after his injury. He also returned to Iraq for two additional tours. His recovery has been inspirational not only for the people who served with him in Iraq, but the cadets he trains.

Rozelle wrote about his experiences in a 2005 book, "Back in Action: An American Soldier's Story of Courage, Faith and Fortitude."

Nominations sought for 2012 President’s Teaching Scholars [6]

Nominations are being sought for the 2012 President's Teaching Scholars honors. The lifetime appointment as a CU President's Teaching Scholar is the university's highest recognition of excellence in and active commitment to learning and teaching as well as active and substantial contributions to scholarly work in one's discipline or, in the case of a less senior scholar, indications of path-breaking contributions to his or her field.

Chancellors, deans, departments and other faculty nominators are encouraged to nominate candidates for this designation and commitment. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

All tenured faculty members are eligible to be nominated. Clinical Teaching Track (CTT) faculty members who hold the rank of associate professor or professor also are eligible to be nominated, as are tenure-track faculty members in the School of Medicine who hold the rank of associate professor or professor.

The President's Teaching Scholar designation is a membership in an active society of scholars and teachers involved in outreach to faculty peers. The selection committee will evaluate applications based on past achievements and on furthering the goals of the President's Teaching Scholars Program.

Dossiers will be accepted no later than Nov. 11, 2011. For more details please go to

http://www.colorado.edu/ptsp/documents/PTSP2012Call.pdf[7]

Charles takes key service role at Anschutz Medical Campus[8]

Betty Charles has been named director of Educational Support Services (ESS) at the Anschutz Medical Campus. She has been serving on an interim basis in that role since the retirement of Jim Huff at the end of 2010.

Charles began her career at the university in 1972 with the Faculty Practice Fund -- a previous structure of what is now University Physicians Inc. After that she worked in the Registrar's Office, and then was an executive assistant in the administrative areas of ambulatory care, nursing and hospital operations. From 1995 to 2003, Charles was administrative director for the TeleHealth/TeleEducation Program. She joined the ESS group as associate director in 2003.

With a staff of 18 professionals, ESS provides a wide range of services for the Anschutz Medical Campus and in facilities managed by the university on the Denver campus. Those services include electronic media support in classrooms, room scheduling for the Anschutz Medical Campus, audio and video recording, production and associated equipment management.

As the director, Charles' goal is to continue to provide excellent and timely centralized technical and logistical support for the three-part mission (education, patient care, and research) as well as university community services for both the Denver and Anschutz Medical campuses.

"We obviously are in a challenging economic time while the technologies for what we teach, when we need to use the technologies, and where we need to access technologies are ever changing and critical to our future," Charles said. "It is my desire that Educational Support Services provide a variety of services through solutions and devices that enhance the quality and facilitate effective educational interactions between faculty, staff and students, using videoconferencing, web conferencing, classroom recording, and audio-visual support."

CU campuses, programs hold high spots in national rankings[9]

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The campuses and undergraduate programs of the University of Colorado retained their noteworthy rankings among national and regional institutions in the latest edition of U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges.

The 2012 report, released Tuesday, shows the University of Colorado Boulder ranked at No. 42 among top Public National Universities; the University of Colorado Denver's downtown campus ranked 100th on the same list. CU-Boulder (No. 94) and CU Denver (No. 181) also remained among the top overall National Universities, which also includes private and for-profit institutions.

The University of Colorado Colorado Springs ranked 10th among Public Regional Universities of the West, and 39th overall among Regional Universities of the West.

Other highlights:
UCCS' undergraduate engineering program ranked 11th among public engineering schools whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's, and 27th among public, private and for-profit institutions. CU-Boulder's undergraduate engineering program came in at 19th among public engineering schools whose highest degree is a doctorate, and 34th overall. Within engineering, kudos went to aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical (No. 14) and environmental/environmental health (No. 18). CU-Boulder's undergraduate business program came in at 36th overall. Within business, its entrepreneurship program is 19th.
U.S. News & World Report rankings are based on its measures of academic peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving. "National Universities" are the 280 U.S. institutions (172 public, 101 private and seven for profit) that offer a wide range of undergraduate majors as well as master's and doctoral degrees; some emphasize research.

The 2012 edition Best Colleges book is available online[11] and will be on newsstands Sept. 20.

Cancer League of Colorado commits $2 million to Cancer Center[12]

Cancer League of Colorado has filled a unique niche throughout its 43 years, providing seed grants for promising yet untested cancer research projects — the types of grants no other funder offers on a systematic basis in the Rocky Mountain region.

Scores of University of Colorado Cancer Center researchers have earned these grants this past decade, and parlayed them into far larger grants from federal funders such as the National Institutes of Health when these early research investigations proved to be fruitful lines of inquiry.

With a new $2 million pledge toward a Cancer League of Colorado endowed chair at the CU Cancer Center, Cancer League now will go a step further to advance world-class cancer research here in Colorado, says Dan Theodorescu, M.D., Ph.D., center director and professor of surgery and pharmacology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

"Cancer League of Colorado has helped the Cancer Center fund innovative science in the pursuit of our goal of relieving suffering from cancer," Theodorescu said. "We may use this chair to recruit an eminent cancer scientist who will lead and pursue innovative cancer research in areas of strategic importance to our center. Together, the Cancer League's grant funding and perpetual support of a scientific leader will help our center really make strides toward our scientific mission."

In July 2011, some 18 Cancer Center researchers received nearly $600,000 in Cancer League seed grants. Cancer

League has provided more than $10 million in grants to Cancer Center investigators since 1985. These grants recently have supported the work of CU Denver cancer researchers Pepper Schedin, Ph.D., Christopher Porter, M.D., and Steve Anderson, Ph.D., among others.

“This endowed chair arose through detailed discussions we had with Cancer Center leaders about ‘how we can have the greatest impact in the fight against cancer in the state of Colorado,’” said Gary Reece, Cancer League president. “It became very clear that, to be one of the best cancer centers in the country, we need the best doctors. Some of these doctors cannot be recruited without the benefit of an endowed chair. It’s important for our membership to know that our research support continues in full force, and that we work seamlessly with the Cancer Center. That will certainly continue.”

By funding innovative cancer research projects, Cancer League has played a key early stage role in treatments and tests that directly benefit cancer patients around the world, including sputum testing that aids noninvasive diagnosis of lung cancers.

Many of these grants, which are selected by a scientific advisory committee that includes Cancer Center members and other researchers, wind up generating $20 in federal research funding for every dollar they grant to a researcher in seed funding.

Cancer League is entirely volunteer-run, with no paid staff, allowing nearly all of its annual revenue to go directly toward cancer research and service grants rather than administrative overhead. It accrues its proceeds available for grants (in 2010-11, $670,000) via fundraisers — such as the Over the Edge fundraiser, which in 2010 featured CU Cancer Center deputy director Andrew Thorburn, Ph.D., rappelling off the edge of a 28-story building—400 dues-paying members, and other current and estate gifts.

“The Over the Edge event has put us on a lot of people’s radar screen. A lot of people want to give money to cancer research, but not to overhead,” Reece said. “We’re excited to be able to support not only discoveries, but also Colorado’s research talent pool.”

This grant is among more than 200,000 gifts and grants received by CU since the 2006 outset of Creating Futures[13], an unprecedented $1.5 billion fundraising campaign to support teaching, research, outreach and health programs on CU’s four campuses.

Dropping names … [14]

Carole Woodall, assistant professor in the Department of History and Department of Women’s and Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, recently published “Awakening a Horrible Monster: Negotiating the Jazz Public in 1920s Istanbul” in Comparative Studies of South Asia Africa and the Middle East. See the abstract at http://cssaame.dukejournals.org/content/30/3/574.abstract[15] ... **Zachary Mesyan**, an assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, recently published “Groups where free subgroups are abundant” in the Journal of Algebra. See article abstract at http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0021869311004212[16] ... **Kevin Krizek**, a professor at the College of Architecture and Planning at the University of Colorado Denver, co-director of the Active Communities/Transportation Research Group and director of the Ph.D. Program in Design and Planning, is co-author with Ann Forsyth of Cornell University of the recent publication “Urban Design: Is There a Distinctive View from the Bicycle?” in Journal of Urban Design, Vol. 16. No. 4, 531–549, November 2011. … Founding chair of the former Department of Preventive Medicine in the School of Medicine, Emeritus Professor **Jock Cobb**, M.D., has just published “Fragments of Peace in a World at War.” The book is a compilation of Cobb’s photos from his service as an American Field Service ambulance driver in North Africa and Italy during WWII. As a pacifist and conscientious objector to war, his perspective from the front lines is unusual. Along with the photos, he has expressed his story in haiku and a few longer poems and stories. It was during his wartime service that he decided to go to medical school. Samples of the photos may be viewed at www.fragmentsofpeace.com[17].

Five questions for Valerie Saltou[18]

Valerie Saltou holds an award from The Scientist magazine, which ranked the University of Colorado Denver at No. 7 in its 2010 “Best Places to Work for Postdocs.” (Photo by Jackie Brinkman)

Across the nation, postdoctoral fellows have often fallen through the cracks at some research institutions. They weren’t students, yet they weren’t employees, either. There were often complaints of low pay, long hours and no benefits.

Similar problems befell University of Colorado Denver postdocs, where each department handled the fellows without any campus standards or consistency. But in 2008, the university developed an employment policy for postdocs, giving them benefits enjoyed by other employees, and created the Postdoctoral Office to oversee issues such as hiring, evaluations and compensation. Leading the effort was Valerie Saltou, who was hired as postdoc coordinator.

Saltou helped institute standard practices for fellows on the Denver and Anschutz Medical campuses, helped establish a local affiliate of the National Postdoctoral Association, and worked to improve communication and job-seeking opportunities.

A year after the policy was instituted, postdoctoral salaries were increased by an average of $4,800. And in 2010, The Scientist magazine ranked the University of Colorado Denver at the No. 7 spot in its eighth annual “Best Places to Work for Postdocs” survey. The previous year, CU Denver was in the No. 62 position.

The new policy also places limits on the length of a postdoc appointment.

“When my office opened in 2008, we had about 35 postdocs who needed to move forward. Many had been a postdoc for 10 or more years,” she said. “I called all of them in individually to discuss their progress and moving forward. I also spoke with the mentors. One gal had been in the postdoc job code for 21 years. … She was distraught over learning she had not earned any retirement benefits for more than two decades. We were able to move her, as well as the others, into a permanent position within a few months.”

In other instances, Saltou said, foreign postdocs worked for less than minimum wage. The new policy instituted a minimum salary/stipend based on years of experience.

Saltou is no stranger to university life. She worked at Iowa State University for 17 years before moving to Colorado. She worked on the University of Colorado Boulder campus, including as executive assistant to the Vice Provost of Information and Technology as budget officer, human resources administrator, program manager and proctor of the newly built ATLAS Building.

Now in her new position, she monitors and approves employment actions that affect postdoctoral fellows/trainees, and provides needed services to the postdoc community and rostering departments. She’s currently building a training program, collecting resources for career development programs, offering a job opportunities website, and assisting the Postdoctoral Association to function.

Postdoc appreciation event set for Tuesday

Postdoctoral fellows at the University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz Medical Campus and National Jewish Health will be celebrated at the Postdoctoral Fellow Appreciation Mentor/Mentee Brunch, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sept. 20 on the Anschutz Medical Campus, RC2 Building, second floor Trivisible Room.

The event is the first of its kind at the university.

“The especially novel and important part of the brunch is that postdocs will be inviting their mentors,” said Kimberly Cox-York, a member of the executive council of the University of Colorado Denver Postdoctoral Association, which is sponsoring the event. “We have been trying to encourage better communication between postdocs and their mentors, and to have mentors be more involved in the development of their postdocs. This will be a great venue for facilitating that.”

About 300 postdocs work at the three institutions.

Following brunch, participants will hear from the newly elected Postdoctoral Association officers, and door prizes will be given away. Officers are: Lora Wilson, president; Bruce Mandt, vice president; Melissa Langworthy, secretary; and Kristina McFadden, treasurer.

The event is held in conjunction with National Postdoc Appreciation Week, designated last year by Congress as the third week in September. This year, events will be held throughout the country Sept. 19-23 to create awareness and recognize the contributions that postdocs make to the scientific research enterprise.

For more information, contact the Postdoctoral Association by e-mail at PostdocAssociation@ucdenver.edu[20].

1. How many postdocs work on the Denver and Anschutz campuses at any given time and what makes them in a class of their own?

Our postdocs are defined as someone with a terminal degree and will be engaged, for at least 75 percent of an appointment, in research, scholarship or teaching. They come from all over the world; at least 40 percent are current visa-holders. On any given day, we have just under 300 postdocs on the two campuses in nine of the schools and colleges. Since there are no cycles for hiring, postdocs come and go every month of the year. Most of the postdocs are paid by grants, including fellowships. In July of 2010, for example, 75 percent were on grants, 12 percent from gifts, 10 percent from other fund sources, and 3 percent were externally funded.

It appears to be almost a given that having at least one postdoc appointment is necessary to get any kind of permanent position, whether it be a tenure track job or not. This is true in academia certainly, and in many other bio-science fields as well.

2. Why are postdocs so important to the university?

Postdoctoral fellows are integral to the research effort of this university. They are many times put in charge of the labs, learning how to run a successful one. This means supervising people, managing budgets and finances, strategizing about the research, helping to write the grants that continue to provide funding, and presenting research-in-progress talks and posters to internal departments and at international conferences. What they publish adds to the prestige of this university and the knowledge of the world.

3. What would you consider the most important role in your job?

I walk a fine line in being an advocate for postdoc employment rights and career development opportunities, and being a representative of the employer and adviser to the hiring departments. Basically, I just want to see people treated as fairly as possible on both sides. This is my major job. But beyond that, my most rewarding role is just listening to and advising as best I can these up-and-coming leaders of tomorrow. I am proud to be an advocate for those trying to help humanity.

4. What was your first job? Your worst job? If you weren’t in this job, what would you be doing?

My first job was walking Iowa bean fields for a dime an hour. I was about 8 years old. That’s what my father thought I

was worth! The worst job I ever had was getting up at 3 a.m. to clean a bowling alley before my real day started. Spilled beverages, used tobacco remains, and stomach contents were the norm. Good thing I was young.

What else would I be doing? You mean if I were independently wealthy and did not need to spin my wheels for the Almighty Dollar in order to live? I would engage in the full-time volunteer ministry.

5. If money were no option, what changes would you make in the program?

I would add a career adviser, a training coordinator and a budget for providing travel grants or other means to postdocs for career development.

Informative videos the result of campus collaboration[21]

A medical student who battled cancer during his training. A doctor and patient who formed a lifelong bond. Students learning about themselves while caring for the homeless.

These are a few of the compelling stories showcased in a series of videos emerging from a collaboration between the University of Colorado Denver's College of Arts and Media (CAM) and the School of Medicine.

The project began months ago when leaders of the college and school created a program in which scholarship students would capture some of the moving and important stories that play out in medicine through short films.

The five videos cover research, education, community engagement and clinical care—the pillars of the medical school. The CAM students, part of the Media Scholars Program created for the project, shot and edited the videos, created graphics and composed and recorded original scores.

Videos may be viewed at http://www.ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/medicalschool/administration/news/multimedia/Pages/mediaNews.aspx [22]. Each video page includes a form for comments or suggestions.

Regents advance CU's biosciences initiative by establishing Biofrontiers Institute[23]

The University of Colorado Board of Regents on Monday unanimously approved creation of the systemwide CU Biofrontiers Institute, building on the success of what began in 2003 as a grassroots "experiment" in the organization of multidisciplinary sciences.

The University of Colorado Biofrontiers Institute[24] evolved from the Colorado Initiative in Molecular Biotechnology

(CIMB), which began in 2003 as a collaboration among CU scientists in an effort to break down academic barriers and work across disciplines on significant challenges in bioscience and translating new knowledge into biotechnology solutions.

The Biofrontiers Institute's director is Nobel Laureate and CU-Boulder Professor Thomas Cech. CU-Boulder Professor Leslie Leinwand, former director of CIMB, is chief scientific officer of the newly named institute, which includes faculty members from across multiple CU campuses, departments and disciplines, including: chemistry and biochemistry; computational biology and computer science; molecular, cellular and developmental biology, applied mathematics; ecology and evolutionary biology, mechanical, chemical and biological engineering; physics; and civil, environmental and architectural engineering.

"This is an unprecedented moment in science; we are at the frontiers of truly understanding biology and applying that new knowledge to improving human health, fixing environmental issues, and a host of challenges yet to come," Cech said. "But to seize this opportunity we must develop new kinds of scientific organizations that bring bright, ambitious and collaborative researchers from many traditional disciplines together with the resources they need to make a difference. That was the founding goal of CIMB under Dr. Leinwand's strong leadership, and continues to be the primary mission of the Biofrontiers Institute."

CU President Bruce Benson said the institute will continue to advance Colorado's Front Range as a world-class center of scientific research.

"CU has tremendous faculty expertise on the leading edge of disciplines that address pressing issues facing our state and beyond," he said. "By bringing together that faculty expertise from all our campuses, we are furthering collaboration at the confluence of discovery and innovation."

Besides bioscience research and its applications to biotechnology breakthroughs, the Biofrontiers Institute also is focused on educating the next generation of interdisciplinary scientists, beginning with its recently launched Interdisciplinary Quantitative Biology Ph.D. program.

The Biofrontiers Institute headquarters will be in the new Jennie Smoly Caruthers Biotechnology Building on CU-Boulder's East Campus, which is scheduled to open in early 2012.

Latino health focus of summit[25]

Community, academic, legislative and economic partners are invited to attend this year's Latino Research and Policy Center Summit, "Working Together to Improve Education, Health and Justice for Colorado Latinos," Sept. 29-30 at the PPA Event Center, 2105 Decatur St., Denver.

The free event opens at 5 p.m. Thursday; the opening address will be given by Marguerite Salazar, Region VIII director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Some of Friday's topics include digital storytelling, community-based participatory research, and state policy and legislation. For a full schedule, visit http://ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/lrpc/Documents/LRPC%20Summit%20Schedule.pdf[26]

The Latino Research and Policy Center (LRPC) of the University of Colorado Denver, Colorado School of Public Health, fosters and engages in collaborative work to promote innovative, effective approaches to improve the health and wellbeing of Colorado Latinos.

The LRPC works to address Latino health and wellbeing in the context of the many areas that affect and are affected by health. These areas include education, economics, policy, legislation, environment and lifestyle.

Space is limited for the two-day event. To register, visit:

http://ucdenver.edu/academics/colleges/PublicHealth/research/centers/lrpc/lrpcsummit/Pages/registration.aspx[27].

For more information on the summit, contact Elisa Morales at 303-315-2515 or elisa.morales@ucdenver.edu[28].

Biofrontiers Institute scientist pursuing better screening method for cancer[29]

Yin (Photo by Glenn J. Asakawa/University of Colorado)

In an 18-year study released this summer by the National Cancer Institute, widespread screening for ovarian cancer was found to be ineffective in catching the disease. The screening often did more harm than good, leading women to unnecessary surgery and the complications that often come with it.

Biofrontiers Institute scientist **Hubert Yin** is on the hunt for a better way to find cancer early, without harming patients in the process. Yin, an assistant professor in chemistry and biochemistry at CU-Boulder, is studying biomarkers, which are traceable substances that allow scientists to track a process within the body. Yin uses fluorescent molecules called a fluorophores, which chemically attach themselves to cells that indicate cancer is present. Their glow makes them easy to see.

Microvesicles are the objects of the fluorophores' chemical spotlight. They are shed from the surface of cells and can actually help the spread and release of metastatic cancer cells. The presence of microvesicles is a key indicator that cancer is at work. Once fluorophores are chemically attached to these microvesicles, screening someone for cancer becomes as easy as looking for the glow. A lack of microvesicles means there is nothing for the fluorophores to attach to, which means they don't glow. And no glow means no cancer.

"This is a great diagnostic concept," he says. "Biomarkers like fluorophores give us efficient, noninvasive ways to detect cancer before it is diagnosed and after it is treated. Being a smaller, research-focused organization gives us an advantage over big pharmaceutical companies when it comes to designing biomedical solutions. It is easier for us to collaborate across labs, and to innovative methods that lead us in the direction of new ways of treating cancer."

Three system executives have new titles[31]

Kathleen Bollard, vice president for academic affairs

E. Jill Pollock, vice president and chief human resources officer

Ken McConnellogue, vice president for communication

Three members of CU President Bruce D. Benson's executive staff have been named vice presidents, a request Benson took to the Board of Regents, which gave unanimous approval on Tuesday during its meeting at CU Denver on the Auraria Campus.

Kathleen Bollard, vice president for academic affairs; E. Jill Pollock, vice president and chief human resources officer; and Ken McConnellogue, vice president for communication, formerly were associate vice presidents. Benson said he

requested the title changes “to reflect their responsibilities and the value I place on their respective areas.”

“Early in my presidency, I expanded my executive staff to include Kathleen, Jill and Ken,” Benson wrote in an e-memo. “The executive staff works as a team, and those three are integral to that team. Their areas – academic affairs, human resources and communications – are critical to our success, as are the other areas of system administration, budget and finance, legal counsel, government relations and administration.”

Benson said the changes are consistent with administrative structures at comparable university systems. The changes are to title only; salaries will be considered when all CU salaries are considered.

“I am fortunate to have a veteran, productive executive team that I rely on and these changes will help sustain that effectiveness,” Benson wrote. “I place a premium on teamwork on my executive staff and throughout system administration and the entire CU system. These moves will help us continue to foster a team that will meet our mission and serve our students and state.”

Free Web accessibility teleconference set for Sept. 27[35]

The University of Colorado Boulder will host a live feed to the Accessibility Summit Teleconference at the Bechtel Collaboratory at the Discovery Learning Center on Sept. 27. The daylong event is presented by experts in universal design, accessibility and best practices and is for all those interested in effective and accessible Web design.

Seating is limited at this event, which is free for the CU-Boulder campus and is sponsored by the Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Campus Technology and the Office of the ADA Coordinator. For more information or to RSVP, visit http://www.colorado.edu/ODECE/udac/news-n-events.html#UDtele[36].

The teleconference agenda:

8 a.m.: Color for the Colorblind, David Berman, Strategic Consultant

9 a.m.: The Inexactness of Web Accessibility, Jared Smith, WebAIM

10 a.m.: Accessibility and HTML5, John Foliot, Stanford University

11 a.m.: Screenreaders, ARIA and HTML5, Jason Kiss, Accessibility Consultant and Researcher

Noon: Break

1 p.m.: Captioning Strategy, Glenda Sims, Senior Accessibility Consultant at Deque

2 p.m.: Integrating Accessibility Across Devices, Henny Swan, Inclusive Design and Accessibility Consultant for the Web

3 p.m.: Watch Your Language, Matt May, Accessibility Evangelist at Adobe

4 p.m.: Everything I Know about Accessibility I Learned from Star Wars, Derek Featherstone, Accessibility Specialist

UCCS marks new enrollment record[37]

Student enrollment at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs this fall is the highest in the university's history with more than 9,300 students enrolled, university officials announced Monday.

Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak made the announcement following the university's Sept. 9 official census.

Enrollment for fall 2011 increased by 429 students to 9,321, a 4.8 percent increase from fall 2010. This is the largest enrollment at UCCS since its founding in 1965.

"More students are recognizing the importance of a college degree and the value that a degree from the University of Colorado Colorado Springs provides," Shockley-Zalabak said. "The university offers high-quality teaching, personalized classes and a variety of outstanding programs in a spectacular setting."

Student credit hours, a measure of the number of students and the number of courses in which they are enrolled, increased from 97,546 last fall to 107,583 this year, a 5.4 percent increase. UCCS continues to have a mix of full- and part-time students.

The UCCS first-time freshman class is its largest ever with 1,352 members, a 196 student or 17 percent increase from last year. While continuing to analyze this year's enrollment data, officials believe the freshman class is among the strongest in UCCS history based on high school grades and scores on entrance exams. The campus also increased the number of transfer students, many from the state's community colleges. This fall, 966 students transferred to UCCS, a 45 student or 4.9 percent increase from a year ago.

The ethnic diversity of the UCCS student body also continues to increase. For fall 2011, 2,077 students or 22.3 percent of the campus identified themselves as members of an ethnic minority group. This represents a 215 student or 11.5 percent increase from fall 2010.

Regents honor three as Distinguished Professors[38]

Three University of Colorado faculty members were recognized by the Board of Regents as Distinguished Professors, the highest faculty honor at the university.

Regent Stephen Ludwig joined University of Colorado Denver Chancellor Jerry Wartgow, Ph.D., in honoring the professors:
Wayne Cascio, Ph.D., Business School, CU Denver **Peter deLeon,** Ph.D., School of Public Affairs, CU Denver**Richard Traystman,** Ph.D., Vice Chancellor for Research, CU Denver, and professor in the School of Medicine, Anschutz Medical Campus
Cascio

deLeon

Traystman

Each received a standing ovation on Tuesday, the conclusion of the board's two-day meeting on the Auraria Campus.

From left: Chancellor Jerry Wartgow, Regent Stephen Ludwig, Regent Sue Sharkey, Regent Kyle Hybl, Assistant Professor Joseph Kay, Regent Michael Carrigan, Regent James E. Geddes and Regent Steve Bosley. (Photo by

Casey A. Cass/University of Colorado)

Also at this week's meeting, **Joseph Kay,** M.D., assistant professor in the University of Colorado School of Medicine, was officially presented with the Chase Faculty Community Service Award, which was announced earlier this year.

Distinguished Professors[43] are faculty members who are leaders in their fields and are recognized for their outstanding contributions in teaching, research and distinguished scholarship or creative work.

Cascio, who has been teaching for 30 years at the Business School and holds the Robert H. Reynolds Chair in Global Leadership, received the appointment for his service to CU and to the field of human resources management. He was described by nominators as someone who makes complicated lessons simple. He has an uncanny way of knowing if students don't understand – then works to ensure that they do. Cascio has written 10 books and more than 100 scholarly articles and is considered a leading expert on organizational downsizing. He has won numerous honors, including the highest award in his field, the Michael R. Losey Human Resource Research Award, and is one of only two U.S. citizens ever to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Geneva.

"I came here to build the Business School," he said, adding he had settled into a successful career at a top-tier California institution before being recruited by then-CU President Arnold Webber.

Cascio credited his success as a teacher and researcher to the collaborative environment he shares with his colleagues. "In business schools, people don't often do interdisciplinary studies, where you cut across academic disciplines," he said.

"All I ever wanted to do was to be a good teacher and have the opportunity to sink my teeth into tough problems. I am grateful the university has given me the autonomy to do this."

DeLeon, who has provided strong leadership for more than 25 years, was recognized for his contribution to CU and the field of public policy. Considered a national and international leader in public policy analytics, he has been a major figure in shaping South Korea's current public policy. His work has greatly contributed to the school's rise in national recognition.

"I hope I've fulfilled the promise of my original hire," he said. "I was surprised to see, from Dean Paul Teske and my peers, that the parts of me are much greater in sum than I ever imagined."

Professor Nancy Kinney of the University of Missouri, St. Louis, wrote of deLeon, "One of the things I … admire about his teaching was the pure enjoyment derived from intellectual activity. He had a way of pursuing lines of inquiry in the classroom that often made such explorations unpredictable but, more importantly, pleasurable."

Traystman was recognized for his contribution to CU in the field of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular physiology. Traystman's work includes 500 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 300 national and internal presentations. His research has led to current procedures for pediatric resuscitation.

"I'm very pleased and humbled by this award," he said. "Every year as I get older, my interest (in the field of cardiovascular and cerebral vascular physiology) becomes more and more piqued. Hopefully we'll find something in the future that will help me and all the people in this room when it comes to heart attack or stroke.

"We have made headway. As a translational researcher, I like to take things from the bench and bring it to the patient. The University of Colorado has allowed me to do that the past years and hopefully into the future."

Kay was saluted by Regent Michael Carrigan and Lawrence Hergott, M.D., for his humanitarian service and tireless support to the medically underserved by establishing a cardiology clinic for the indigent. The Chase Award[44] includes a $10,000 endowment.

Hergott called Kay "the hardest working man in the division of cardiology at the University of Colorado School of

Medicine," acknowledging his commitment to treat patients with congenital heart disease. That commitment extends beyond the hospital as, with the help of the Metropolitan Community Partners Network, Kay has extended his care to those without insurance, bringing lifesaving care within their reach.

Kay explained that his determination to open a clinic deepened after seeing a patient who'd suffered a heart attack. The man was working full time, but after the heart attack was going to lose his job. Because Kay wasn't allowed to see this patient after caring for him because he was uninsured, he inspired Kay to create the clinic to help the indigent and underinsured. He and other colleagues meet patients once a month to provide cardiac care.

Math conference added to schedule [45]

Academics, state administrators and mathematics educators from around the world will converge at the University of Colorado Boulder to tackle learning progressions in mathematics and their design and use in today's classrooms at the third International Realistic Mathematics Education (RME) Conference.

The Sept. 23-25 event is co-hosted by CU-Boulder's School of Education and the Freudenthal Institute USA. Various sessions will explore research on learning progressions and the design of instructional sequences.

Not only must teachers make mathematics relevant and accessible to students, they also must ensure that students learn challenging and substantive content detailed in the Colorado State Content Standards and the recently adopted Common Core State Standards for Mathematics.

"The Common Core State Standards for Mathematics is based on research regarding learning trajectories in mathematics," said CU-Boulder Assistant Professor David Webb, the conference director. "The widespread adoption of the Common Core by 40-plus states (including Colorado) presents a real need for how teachers are going to design and enact learning trajectories in their own classrooms. The RME conference fills a void that typical professional development cannot offer.

"Very few conferences in math education can provide this combination of international perspectives at this personalized level of interaction. We keep the attendance at about 100 people to encourage discussions between noteworthy teachers and researchers who have had a significant impact on mathematics education."

District, state and regional administrators, research faculty, lead teachers and professional developers representing North and South America, Asia, Africa and Australia will present or participate in sessions to support the understanding of mathematics from early elementary education through undergraduate levels.

The plenary sessions are intended to highlight the intersection of theory and practice and describe materials and activities designed to promote and assess students' understanding of mathematics. There also will be 90-minute interactive breakout sessions to encourage engagement with mathematics problems and activities, review assessment tasks and student work, and design and adapt learning trajectories.

RME is a widely respected approach to mathematics education that has evolved from the work of the Dutch mathematician Hans Freudenthal during the past 30 years and is applied to curriculum design, assessment and instruction.

For more information, visit www.fius.org[46]; registration: http://cucs.colorado.edu/confreg/rme2011[47].

Coleman Institute to host State of the States, State of the Nation: 2011[48]

A lineup of national and international speakers will highlight the 11th annual Coleman Institute conference “State of the States, State of the Nation: 2011” on cognitive disability and technology.

This year's theme will address economic perspectives on disability as they relate to federal funding, state budgets, effects on people with cognitive disabilities, and the role technology plays. Keynote speakers at the free conference Oct. 13 at the Westin Westminster Hotel include:
William Pound, executive director of the National Conference of State Legislatures, who will speak on “What’s Happening in the State Legislatures?”**Diane Coyle**, Ph.D., economist and internationally acclaimed author of “The Economics of Enough: How to Run the Economy as if the Future Matters,” published by Princeton University Press; and **Peter Blanck,** Ph.D., J.D., disability rights attorney, professor and chairman, Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University, who will discuss “A Right to Technology Access for People with Cognitive Disabilities.”
“Attendees will be challenged to think beyond common metrics of economic health—not simply considering GNP as the only measure of our nation’s self-worth,” said conference host, David Braddock, associate vice president, University of Colorado and executive director of the Coleman Institute.

“Federal and state budget cuts are a having tremendous impact on many people, including people with disabilities, their families, and caregivers. Providing decent services and supports to them is a measure of who we are as a nation. This conference will open a national dialogue on disability, development economics and the challenges we must squarely face.”

Cognitive disability includes intellectual and developmental disabilities, acquired brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, and severe and persistent mental illness. These conditions affect more than 20 million Americans and the numbers are growing rapidly as people live longer and as medical and rehabilitative science extend the lives of people with disabilities.

While there is no charge for the conference, registration is capped at 400. More than 350 people from 30 states already have registered. To sign up, visit www.colemaninstitute.org[49] to register.

Other speakers and panelists include **Henry Claypool,** director, Office on Disability, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; **Sharon Lewis,** commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and **Sue Swenson**, deputy assistant secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitation Services; **Nancy Thaler**, executive director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities; and **Ann Caldwell**, Ph.D., chief research and innovations officer, The Arc of the United States.

The annual conference includes morning and afternoon poster sessions and an expanded lunch session with more than 20 topical roundtables. A full agenda can be found at www.colemaninstitute.org[49].

Faculty, postdoctoral students and graduate students are invited to present/demonstrate research in any field related to cognitive disability and related topics. For information about presenting a poster, contact MaryEllen.morse@cu.edu [50].

Be Colorado wellness journey begins with one step[51]

It’s hard to know where you’re going on your wellness journey until you know where you are. According to the National Commission on Prevention Priorities, preventive screening could save more than 100,000 lives per year.

Free, confidential health screenings now are available to faculty and staff on all University of Colorado campuses during September and October as part of the launch of the Be Colorado wellness program.

Be Colorado was officially introduced this week in a letter from Marcy Benson[52], wife of CU President Bruce D. Benson and executive sponsor of Be Colorado.

The screenings include testing for cholesterol values, glucose, blood pressure, BMI and other factors that play a role in understanding your total health. Participants in the health screening also may choose to receive a free flu shot.

Go to www.BeColorado.org[53] to learn about eligibility, dates, times and locations, and to sign up for a screening. Participants also may learn how screening results will be integrated with upcoming confidential health assessments and digital coaching programs. There's even a chance to win a new iPad 2.

The Be Colorado health assessment and health screenings are completely private and confidential. The university will not see anyone's private health information, which would violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) law.

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