

[Record property donation boosts mission at CU South Denver](#)[1]

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The largest real estate donation in CU history will enable the university to expand its new CU South Denver presence. Valued at \$40 million, the gift of The Wildlife Experience facility in Douglas County from Dave and Gail Liniger and their family to CU was announced Sept. 11 at the Board of Regents meeting at the University Memorial Center on the CU-Boulder campus. In recognition of the Linigers' generosity, the board voted to approve naming the facility the Liniger Building at the [University of Colorado South Denver](#). [4]

Dave Liniger is the chairman emeritus of [The Wildlife Experience](#)[5] and co-founder of REMAX International Inc.

The Liniger gift builds on the collaboration that began in April when the Linigers teamed with CU, converting 11,000-square-feet of the 151,000-square-foot facility to classroom and lab space. CU began offering classes there in August, while the popular Douglas County wildlife art and natural history museum continued most of its museum services to the community.

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The first classes at the facility are being offered by [CU Denver and the CU Anschutz Medical Campus](#)[7]. CU-Boulder and UCCS are expected to add programs in the future. CU Denver will manage the facility on behalf of the system. "Dave and Gail Liniger have demonstrated a vision and commitment to serving our community and state that will have a substantial impact for decades to come," said CU President Bruce D. Benson. "We value the confidence they have in CU and appreciate their transformational gift. The Wildlife Experience has been a cultural touchstone in south Denver and adding higher education will build on its commitment to the community."

The Wildlife Experience was founded in 2002 and is designed to serve as a cultural and educational center and a community asset for south Denver. The facility hosts exhibits in fine art, natural history and interactive science each year and provides space for private and community events.

"Gail and I are making this gift to CU to provide more services and more value to our south Denver community," Liniger said. "The museum remains open, events will be held, and the public spaces will be available for rental. The added value now is the easy access to a quality CU education right here in south Denver."

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Some CU classes at the facility are underway and others are scheduled to begin in October. Among the offerings from CU Denver and the CU Anschutz Medical Campus are programs from the Business School, the School of Education and Human Development, the College of Engineering and Applied Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Nursing and the Colorado School of Public Health.

"The initial course offerings demonstrate the wide range of educational opportunities CU is bringing to south Denver," said University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus Chancellor Don Elliman. "CU Denver is proud to be managing this initiative on behalf of the CU system, and we look forward to adding even more options for students with classes and faculty from the CU Boulder and Colorado Springs campuses."

Lisa Douglas, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance at the

University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus, has been named vice chancellor of the new facility.

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"The University of Colorado's four campuses will offer a generous supply of quality higher education to serve the residents of south Denver," Douglas said. "The benefits of combining quality higher education with community service and events are compelling."

Before entering into the initial collaboration with The Wildlife Experience, CU conducted a market study and interviewed leaders from south Denver's major employers and professional organizations. The study identified gaps in educational offerings in the south Denver area, which accounts for one-third of the population of metro Denver and is home to a variety of engineering, finance and health-care related companies.

After voting at last week's meeting, members of the Board of Regents voiced their gratitude and excitement about the

gift.

“That the Linigers would do this is just beyond amazing,” said Regent Stephen Ludwig. “Their gift, in one of the fastest growing areas of the state, is going to facilitate how we make lives better. This is an amazing thing – a historic opportunity for us.”

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Said Regent Sue Sharkey, “I feel like ‘thank you’ just is not enough. The words are too simple to explain or acknowledge what a great gift this is, not just to the university, but to the community, to provide access to classes.” Benson said the vision of Dave Liniger, informed by a career in real estate, is vital in acknowledging the growth potential of the south metro area and its accompanying need for education.

“I just want to say thank you to (the Linigers) – you are really our heroes,” Benson said. “I can’t tell you how much we appreciate this.”

Elliman said he hopes that the board and university leadership will soon have the opportunity to express their thanks personally to the Linigers, who were unable to attend Thursday’s meeting.

For more information on the initiative, please visit [CUSouthDenver.org](http://CUSouthDenver.org)[4].

[Five questions for Ben Miller](#)[11]

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A new interdisciplinary policy center on the CU Anschutz Medical Campus will focus on behavioral health in primary care and how to better deliver comprehensive whole-person care that also will decrease costs and enhance the patient experience.

The [Eugene S. Farley Jr. Health Policy Center](#)[13] has been operational for only a few months, but the foundational idea of the new entity has been percolating for several years. The director of the center is Ben Miller, an assistant professor at the School of Medicine’s Department of Family Medicine; his expertise is in clinical psychology, behavioral health and primary care. He has been at CU for nearly six years.

### **1. How did you come to CU?**

I am a clinical psychologist by training. I received my undergraduate degree at Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky, and worked in primary care settings, delivering behavioral services. I came to CU almost nine years ago for an internship; that was my first exposure to this beautiful state and the department I’m currently working in. My wife and I left Colorado for a post doc at the University of Massachusetts and we were there for nearly two years. When the offer to come back to Colorado and be on the faculty came about, I immediately accepted.

### **2. What is the mission of the Health Policy Center and why was it created?**

The world has plenty of health policy centers, but what makes us different is that we’re going to be driven by research and immediately focus on some important issues that I think are central to redesigning health care. The first is addressing behavioral health in primary care. The idea of fragmentation that artificially separates mind and body is pretty pervasive and has caused a lot of problems for our patients and our communities. Much of the work we’re doing nationally is centered on how to bring behavioral health services into primary care to deliver a seamlessly integrated experience. Practices, communities and states that are working on implementing behavioral health and primary care integration are doing so in pretty creative ways. However, there are fundamental policy issues that practices are still up against. There are not a lot of health policy shops out there that are tackling the issue of how to transform payment and how to transform policy to allow these frontline practices to have a sustainable integrated model.

Secondly, we must create a workforce for the system we want, not the system that we have. In health care, we

continue to turn out a lot of providers that are operating in their own silos. We need to eradicate the “it’s about me” belief and make it more about the team and about our patients. The center will be focusing a lot on workforce training education starting with a health policy fellowship that was just initiated a few weeks ago. We’re offering what we think is a unique experience for individuals from multiple disciplines to come here for a year and work with us on issues germane to the center and get their feet wet when it comes to policy.

**3. You mentioned that other policy centers are not emphasizing integrated care like we will. What do you see as some of the issues you must face as you work to meet your goals?**

I would be naïve if I didn’t say that we’re up against history and culture. The way health care has been built is around pieces instead of wholes. We knew that if we were going to start a policy shop and address these issues that we are essentially creating new policies for a new culture of health. We are going to have to alter the historical course. The way we’re going to tackle this is a little bit more provocative and progressive: We want to change the entire system, not just pieces of it.

We’ve created this “system” of health care where we think about mental and physical as separate. We have inadvertently created a culture that almost perpetuates this false dichotomy. We fundamentally disagree with the premise that there needs to be two systems to take care of patients. We want to create policies that are in favor of bringing together mind and body -- policies that are more in favor of a team-based function.

The way we finance health care also has inadvertently perpetuated that dichotomy where we have two systems to pay for the single concept of health care: one that supports mental health and one that supports the medical side of it. So we want to try to help develop a much more comprehensive payment strategy that supports the whole. That may mean bringing dollars from here and moving it over there or eradicating the payment structure and creating new payment models. We will enrich the research base on integration to support policy change.

**4. How will you go about reaching your goals?**

We are positioning ourselves to be a state and national, go-to entity. We will certainly be a resource for our colleagues here at the School of Medicine and those across Colorado, but we’re already in multiple states. For example, in Massachusetts, we are working on primary care payment reform, looking at alternative payment models for primary care that includes behavioral health and working on learning collaboratives and making recommendations back to the state. In Oregon we are creating infrastructures at the community level so that these practices and hospital systems can answer meaningful questions around what is working and what is not working for behavioral health in primary care.

We see ourselves as working to bring people together.

**5. How did the center come about?**

The namesake, Gene Farley, was probably one of the more preeminent and progressive provocateurs of family medicine. He was a chair of family medicine at the University of Colorado and chaired other departments across the country. He always spoke up about the need for change and fought for things that were truly about making a difference in our communities and with our patients.

Initiating the center has been several years coming now. The Department of Family Medicine at CU has many faculty involved in health policy on a national scale for many decades. It seemed to be that the next thing that needed to happen was for us to start to transform our work that we have been doing in our communities into policy. Many of us had been researching primary care and we knew that the next logical sequence was not about collecting more evidence but to take what we have and help policy makers decipher it and make recommendations of what needs to be transformative.

So that’s how this all started. The center and getting our namesake’s family approval really started this year. One of Dr. Farley’s sons sits on our steering committee, which consists of several national thought leaders. The group will help set the direction we go and advise me and the center. They’ll also look for other ways the center can be involved nationally. They’ll meet face-to-face for the first time on Sept. 30 to help guide our agenda and to determine which of

our multiple opportunities around the nation are the right ones for the center.

[Steps underway to better ensure safety, inclusion, Title IX compliance](#)<sup>[14]</sup>

From an early age, [Valerie Simons](#)<sup>[15]</sup> made equality a priority.

“My professional and personal background have led to a firmly held conviction that ending discrimination and harassment in all forms, including but not limited to the areas of sexual assault and harassment, is a critical and shared mission,” she told the CU Board of Regents at its Sept. 11 meeting in the University Memorial Center at CU-Boulder.

Simons, CU-Boulder’s new director of institutional equity and compliance and Title IX coordinator, last week updated the regents on crucial steps that have been taken to better provide a safe and inclusive environment on campus, including:

Consolidating investigative teams for complaints of discrimination and harassment so that one team handles all matters, whether concerning faculty, staff or students. Building a platform that includes communications from the chancellor and Simons, she said, “to ensure our culture and climate will reflect our values of safety and inclusiveness throughout the campus.” Convening a student task force to address the first White House report to protect students from sexual assault and provide recommendations to the chancellor.

“But we can and must do more,” Simons said, adding that CU-Boulder will be working on a three-pronged approach to address claims of discrimination and harassment:

Reviewing and implementing additional recommendations by an external audit conducted the summer of 2013 of CU-Boulder’s investigative policies and procedures. The reviewers found the university compliant with federal law, but Simons said extra steps are being taken to ensure best practices and policies. Hiring additional staff to provide accommodations and interim remedies for people involved in investigations, and coordinating with support services on campuses including the offices of student conduct, victim assistance, counseling and psychological services, student legal services, faculty, staff and assistance programs, and others. Building on existing education and prevention programs for incoming students, faculty and staff, particularly in the areas of bystander intervention programs; and examining train-the-trainer models to reach every facet of the CU-Boulder community.

Simons reports directly to CU-Boulder Chancellor Phil DiStefano and has campuswide oversight of all complaints of discrimination that are investigated through the Office of Student Conduct and the Office of Discrimination and Harassment.

DiStefano told the board he expects CU-Boulder to become a national model for compliance.

“Universities across the country are confronting the issue of discrimination and harassment on campus,” he said. “And at CU-Boulder, furthering the culture of safety is one of my highest priorities.”

Simons’ hiring came on the recommendation of the external review of CU-Boulder’s compliance with Title IX, and after CU-Boulder was earlier this spring included in the Office of Civil Rights’ list of 55 American colleges and universities under investigation for possible violations of Title IX violations.

[Regents approve 12 new media, communication, information programs at CU-Boulder](#)<sup>[16]</sup>

Editor’s note: This story first appeared as an update to CU Connections on Sept. 11.

The CU Board of Regents on Sept. 11 unanimously and enthusiastically approved 12 new CU-Boulder College of Media, Communication and Information degrees and a name change for another degree. The vote during the meeting

at CU-Boulder met with cheers and applause from the audience in the University Memorial Center.

The college, which was approved by the regents in June, is the first new college at CU-Boulder in 50 years and replaces the journalism school, which was discontinued in 2011.

"It's truly a watershed moment for higher education's ability to embrace change and take something and to make it relevant to the future for the benefit of the students," said Chair Kyle Hybl. "The potential that this program has is truly exceptional and I am grateful that you all embraced it and are making a real difference with this."

Regents praised the new college and degree programs as having the potential to set a standard in communication education.

"I'm excited for the students who are coming to the University of Colorado," said Regent Sue Sharkey. "I am absolutely confident of the success of this program and I believe it will be a model on a national level."

The college is projected to open with about 1,750 students and will be funded from existing resources. Departments within the college include advertising, public relations and media design; communication; critical media practices; journalism; information science; media studies; and the graduate program in intermedia art, writing and performance.

"The last two decades, the rapid expansion of communication technologies and information gathering has transformed how we communicate, get our news and engage in local, regional and global commerce and society," said Provost Russell L. Moore. "At the same time, the job market has rapidly transformed. Students graduating from the College of Media, Communication and Information will leave CU-Boulder with the cutting-edge skills and insights required to thrive in the workplace and the changing communications landscape."

New degrees approved by the Board of Regents are:

Department of Advertising, Public Relations and Media Design -- BS in strategic communication with tracks in advertising, public relations and media design, and a MA in strategic communication design  
Department of Critical Media Practices -- BA in media production, MFA in interdisciplinary documentary and PhD in emergent technologies and media art practices  
Department of Information Science -- BS, MS and PhD degrees in information science  
Department of Media Studies -- BA in media studies and MA in media and public engagement and PhD in Media Research and Practice, including doctoral tracks in strategic communication, journalism and media studies  
Graduate program in Intermedia Art, Writing and Performance -- PhD

In addition, the bachelor of science degree in journalism was approved to become a bachelor of arts degree. The journalism program will continue to offer its master of arts in journalism and the Department of Communication will continue to offer bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in communication.

Regents asked to be kept apprised of the evolution of the program, stressing the importance of growing and maintaining its relevance and ensuring journalism ethics are stressed throughout the curriculum.

"It's important as you watch it grow and develop to make sure it is held to really high academic and rigorous standards," Hybl said.

All undergraduates enrolled in the college will take a common curriculum that builds on their shared interests in communication and digital media while providing a well-rounded education in humanities, the arts and the social and natural sciences. Students will be required to take basic courses in computing and in digital storytelling.

National government and private sector studies show that job markets for many of the industries students graduating from CMCI will enter are strong, and in many cases growing. For example, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 14 percent increase in jobs in the motion picture and video industries over the 10-year period ending in 2018. A recent study by Bankrate puts advertising at the top of the list in terms of a degree that offers the best return on investment, while a recent Forbes survey of the 10 most surprising six-figure jobs includes multimedia artists, art directors, broadcast news analysts, writers and authors.

The vote was the final Board of Regents approval required for the new College of Media, Communication and

Information before the degrees are forwarded to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education for approval. The college is now accepting applications and will offer classes for new degrees starting in fall semester 2015.

Christopher Braider, who oversaw the effort to create the new college, is serving as the transitional dean for the 2014-15 academic year. An international search for the dean of the college will be launched this fall.

More information about the new college is available at <http://www.colorado.edu/cmci>[17]

### [Regents roundup: September 2014](#)[18]

The board passed a resolution of appreciation honoring Melinda Piket-May for her recently concluded two years as chair of the CU Faculty Council. (Photo: Cathy Beuten/University of Colorado)

CU Regents recognized two faculty members during the board's meeting last week at the University Memorial Center on the CU-Boulder campus.

CU-Boulder professor Steven Pollock discussed the art and science of teaching. (Photo: Cathy Beuten/University of Colorado)

CU-Boulder physics professor Steven Pollock last fall was named a 2013 U.S. Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. The regents recognized him for the honor, and thanked him for his service to the university. Pollock, a [CU President's Teaching Scholar](#)[21], spoke briefly and gave a presentation on his research in the best ways of teaching physics.

Said Kyle Hybl, board chair, "World-class faculty like you and your colleagues clearly have the opportunity to teach and do research anywhere, so thank you for being at the University of Colorado."

The board also passed a resolution of appreciation honoring Melinda Piket-May for her recently concluded two years as chair of the CU Faculty Council. Current council Chair Laura Borgelt thanked her predecessor for her hard work and commitment to shared governance. "Melinda has been a fantastic leader, mentor and inspiration," she told the board.

Piket-May thanked the board for working with her collaboratively. "Regent (Michael) Carrigan once said that shared governance is a two-way street," she said. "That's something important for everyone to keep in mind."

Also during the Sept. 11 meeting, Regent James Geddes made a motion to the board asking for the evaluation of CU's hiring practices to create candidate pools that reflect diversity of political, geographic, intellectual and philosophical perspectives. He asked that the board restate its commitment that the CU will refrain from discrimination in all of its hiring practices for promoting the rich interchange of ideas consistent with the concepts of diversity endorsed by the United States Supreme Court. The motion failed because of a lack of a second.

The regents also have announced that they are soliciting nominations for their 2015 Honorary Degrees, University Medals and Distinguished Service Awards. From the board:

An Honorary Degree (Doctor of Humane Letters or Doctor of Science) is the highest award the University of Colorado can bestow. It is the policy of the Board of Regents to award Honorary Degrees in recognition of outstanding intellectual achievement in one or more of the following areas: intellectual contributions, university service, and/or public service. University Medals are awarded in recognition of those persons whose achievements and contributions are particularly associated with the university, while Distinguished Service Awards are awarded in recognition of achievements and contributions particularly associated with the state and/or nation. Nominations must meet the

following criteria (Laws of the Regents, Article 9, and Regent Policy 9-A):Nomination Process:(a) Each year the vice president, university counsel and secretary of the Board of Regents will solicit names of nominees for these awards. Nomination deadline is November 15, 2014. Late or incomplete nomination packages will not be considered.

(b) Honorary Degree, University Medal, and Distinguished Service Award nominations must be submitted on the award nomination form and supported by three and not more than five letters of recommendation. The nominator will provide the recommendation letters and the nominee's current [vitae](#)[22]/resume, address, and telephone number. The complete nomination package must be submitted to the Office of the vice president, university counsel and secretary of the Board of Regents by the deadline date.

(c) Nomination Guidelines

No person may nominate him/herself, nor may current university employees be nominated. Current public officials may not be nominated. Public officials are elected or appointed officials in policy making positions with the ability to directly affect the university through an official act. Public officials may be nominated two years after completion of their terms of office.

View the complete policy at <http://www.cu.edu/regents/Policies/Policy9.htm>[23]

Nomination is no guarantee of an award. All nominations will be considered confidential. The list of approved honorees will be made public during the spring 2015 semester.

Award selectees will be invited to attend commencement of the nominating campus, but can opt to attend any University of Colorado 2015 or 2016 commencement. Some of the expenses for the honoree to attend commencement ceremony activities will be funded by the host campus. **Nominations are due to campus canvassing committees prior to the November 15, 2014 deadline, the date to be determined by the respective canvassing committee.**

It will be the responsibility of the nominator to obtain the required letters of support, vitae or resume, and nominee data. Nominations received by the campus canvassing committees, and judged to be qualified and complete, will be referred to the 2015 Regents Awards Committee by November 15, 2014.

Please direct questions about the process to the respective campuses canvassing committee:

**CU-Boulder****University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus****Nominations Due: 11/01/14****Carole Capsalis**Assistant to the ChancellorUniversity of Colorado Boulder  
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[carolyn.goble@ucdenver.edu](mailto:carolyn.goble@ucdenver.edu)[25]**UCSCU System****Nominations Due: 11/01/14****Martin Wood**Vice Chancellor of University AdvancementUniversity of Colorado Colorado Springs

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For more information and to download award nomination forms, please go to: <https://www.cu.edu/regents/Awards/> [28]. If you would like hard copies of the forms sent to you, please call the Board of Regents office at 303-860-5743.

[Tenure list: September 2014](#)[29]

At its meeting Sept. 11 at the University Memorial Center on the CU-Boulder campus, the CU Board of Regents approved one appointment with tenure:

**University of Colorado Boulder**

**Myron Gutmann**, College of Arts and Sciences, effective Sept. 11

[Be Colorado launches 'Brussels + Muscles'](#)[30]

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Be Colorado has partnered with leading kids fitness and nutrition organizations to create Brussels + Muscles, a free program designed to teach kids that healthy habits can be fun.

The program will officially kick off with two events, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Denver Zoo, and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 5 at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in Colorado Springs.

Brussels + Muscles is a no-cost program available to CU Health Plan participants and their children ages 5-11, regardless of whether the children are claimed as insurance plan dependents. The program uses gaming, tracking and rewards to teach kids healthy habits.

CU Health Plan participants are invited to choose the date and location that works best for them. Each zoo event will include special adventures, games, face-painting, giveaways and lunch for everyone. To attend either event, please [RSVP here](#)[32].

For more information about Brussels + Muscles, visit [www.brusselsandmuscles.org](http://www.brusselsandmuscles.org)[33].

<http://youtu.be/oZJL6H0xmyE>[34]



[Faculty, staff input sought at CCHE meetings on higher education funding](#)[35]

Faculty and staff of universities and colleges are among the constituents being called upon to voice their opinions to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE), which is developing a new base funding formula for allocating state general fund dollars among public institutions of higher education.

A statewide schedule of meetings is underway, with dates announced for Boulder, Colorado Springs and Denver locations; meetings in other Denver area locations are forthcoming.

Earlier this year, the Colorado Legislature passed and Gov. John Hickenlooper signed into law House Bill 14-1319, which charges the CCHE with the task. The CCHE also must recommend tuition policies that ensure both accessible and affordable higher education for Colorado residents. The new funding model will be implemented in the 2015-16 academic year.

The Keystone Center and Engaged Public are facilitating public outreach meetings about HB 14-1319 across Colorado on behalf of the CCHE.

Besides faculty and staff, the CCHE wants to hear from students, parents, administrators, representatives from K-12, business leaders, elected officials and others interested in higher education in Colorado within the context of what the bill requires. Input from the regional outreach meetings will be synthesized and shared with the CCHE to help inform the design of the new base funding formula.

The community meetings are aimed at gathering answers to fundamental and aspirational questions like: What should the state priorities be regarding higher education? What are the needs of our economy, and workforce as it relates to higher education? How do we best invest in the future of our state?

The schedule of upcoming meetings:

**Alamosa:** 6-8 p.m. Oct. 1, Adams State University, Student Union, Room TBD **Boulder:** 5-7 p.m. Oct. 2, National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), The Learning Center **Colorado Springs:** 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 9, El Pomar Penrose House Conference Center **Craig:** noon-1:30 p.m. Sept. 25, Colorado Northwestern Community College – Craig Campus, Academic Building, Room 185 **Denver – Downtown/Central Metro:** 8-10 a.m. Oct. 8, Auraria Campus, Tivoli Student Union, Baerresen Ballroom **Denver – Golden/West Metro:** 4-6 p.m. Oct. 7, Golden Community Center, Coal Creek Room **Glenwood Springs:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 25, Glenwood Springs Community Center, Room Sopris C **Grand Junction:** 4-6 p.m. today, Colorado Mesa University, University Center, Room 213 **Gunnison:** 8-10 a.m. today, Western State Colorado University, Aspinall-Wilson Center, the South Room **Sterling:** 4-5:30 p.m. Sept. 22, Northeastern Junior College, Hays Student Center, Tennant Art Gallery **Trinidad:** 4-5:30 p.m. Sept. 30, Trinidad State Junior College, Sullivan Center, Pioneer Room

**Meetings in Development**

Denver - Aurora/East Metro Denver - Littleton/South Metro Fort Collins Fort Morgan Greeley La Junta Pueblo  
To participate in a meeting, please [REGISTER HERE](#)[36] as soon as possible. Meeting dates and times will be updated at this registration site as locations are confirmed. Light refreshments will be served. (If link does not work, copy/paste the following address into your web browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BDTNC7D>[36] )

For more information about this stakeholder engagement process, please contact: Hannah Lippe at 866-276-3074 or [by e-mail](#).[37]

[CU Denver sees largest, most diverse undergraduate enrollment ever](#)[38]

The [University of Colorado Denver](#)[39] is seeing the largest, most diverse undergraduate enrollment in its history,

including the biggest freshman class.

This year's incoming freshmen number 1,354, a 17 percent increase from last year and a 25 percent jump from 2010. The undergraduate class is 9,987, up 3 percent from 2013.

At the same time, students of color make up 32 percent of undergraduates, a 10 percent increase over last year. And 55 percent of this year's freshmen are students of color, 8 percent higher than last year.

Meanwhile, the university has seen a 51 percent increase in overall international enrollment since 2010 with a record 1,247 students reported in 2014.

"Denver is a great, vibrant place to be a student and build your career. More people are realizing this and enrolling in CU Denver, the research university right in the heart of the city," said CU Denver Chancellor Don Elliman. "We're excited to serve more undergraduates this year than ever before, including our largest and most diverse freshman class ever."

Elliman said it was an exciting time to be at CU Denver.

"With the opening of our new building at Speer and Larimer and an increased university-wide emphasis on meeting our students' needs, CU Denver is well poised to accommodate our growing student body," he said.

The increase in enrollment can be traced to a variety of reasons.

"These record enrollment numbers not only speak to our academic reputation but also show that our university is seen as a welcoming place for students of every ethnic, religious and economic background," said Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Raul Cardenas. "It is concrete proof that the strength of CU Denver lies in our unique combination of academic rigor, diversity and location at the center of one of America's most vibrant cities."

Diversity increased among graduate students with an 8 percent increase in students of color since 2013.

The growth in international students is also significant. A study from the Brookings Institution showed foreign students in the Denver area spent \$147,755,281 in tuition and \$69,017,741 in living costs between 2008 and 2012. Many of those attended CU Denver.

This year's international numbers were boosted by a new cohort of 60 students from Brazil along with enhanced recruiting efforts in China and Southeast Asia. The result is that CU Denver has the most diverse international student body in its history.

"We are honored to host a record number of international students to CU Denver. Their decision to study and do research here says a lot about our academic programs and the global dynamism the university adds to Denver's economy," said Executive Director of the Office of International Affairs John Sunnygard. "Hailing from 60 countries, our international students bring new perspectives and experiences to our classrooms and laboratories creating learning communities that will help us all thrive in a global economy."

Sunnygard hopes to increase the number of CU Denver students who study abroad as well.

"I hope our American students will welcome and learn from their international peers and be inspired to explore other countries and cultures through our many study abroad programs," he said.

[UCCS basketball signs middle school prospect](#)[40]

UCCS Head Men's Basketball Coach Jeff Culver on Sept. 8 signed an 11-year-old Colorado Springs boy to a national

letter of intent.

Culver signed Kavan Brown, a student at Sproul Junior High School, as a member of the team, making him immediately eligible to participate in team activities. Brown will wear number 50, noting the university's golden anniversary celebrations planned throughout 2015.

"It's a big day for our Mountain Lion men's basketball program at UCCS," Culver said during the signing ceremony. "We've been looking quite a bit for that extra piece of the puzzle to earn ourselves a championship, and we think we found him."

Brown was joined by his parents, Angela Bird and Toby Brown, and his 9-year-old sister Ana. He will participate as much as he is physically able to with Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome, a bone marrow deficiency disorder.

During the signing ceremony, Brown was interviewed by members of the current men's basketball team, and answered such questions regarding his favorite TV show, video game, movie and super hero.

Brown's commitment to the UCCS Men's Basketball team was made possible through a partnership with Team IMPACT, a nonprofit organization that improves the quality of life for children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses. Children are signed to local athletic teams to become an official member of the team for the duration of their treatment and beyond.

Brown was diagnosed with Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome when he was 14 months old. The disorder causes bone marrow deficiencies, digestive issues and immune deficiencies. He has had more than 10 surgeries, has to do blood tests every three months, and sees four to five specialists every six months. Because of his immune deficiencies, a large part of his family's effort is dedicated to preventative measures.

UCCS finished last season with a program record 21 overall wins and record 10-win streak. The Mountain Lions marked the season with program milestones in the first home playoff game, first playoff win, first conference tournament championship game appearance and first appearance in the NCAA Division II National Tournament.

See [KOAA's coverage of Brown's signing](#)[41].

[Axel to receive 2014 Charlie Butcher Award; free lecture open to public](#)[42]

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On Oct. 7, the [BioFrontiers Institute](#)[44] will honor a professor dedicated to the science of smell. Richard Axel, M.D., a professor at Columbia University, has studied the olfactory processes in mammals for more than two decades. In 2004, he and postdoctoral researcher, Linda Buck, were awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of a large gene family that underlies the olfactory system in humans, allowing humans to distinguish between more than 10,000 different smells.

The University of Colorado BioFrontiers Institute will honor Axel with the 2014 Charlie Butcher Award for his work on the olfactory genome, believed to be the largest gene family in humans. The Charlie Butcher Award is given yearly to recognize leading scientists from around the world who have made significant contributions to bioscience and biotechnology.

As part of the award, the BioFrontiers Institute is hosting a free public lecture by Richard Axel at 7 p.m. Oct. 7 in the auditorium of the Math (Colorado Avenue & Folsom Street) building on the CU-Boulder campus. This year marks the first time that the awards lecture was designed for a public audience. The broad appeal of the science of smell motivated the institute to open this lecture to the community.

The sense of smell is essential to the survival of most species. It is used to identify food, detect nearby predators and

interpret our environment. In humans, smells can warn us that food is not safe to eat, and can be powerful enough to trigger distinct memories years after they occurred.

Richard Axel and Linda Buck (who is now at the University of Washington) found approximately 1,000 genes, 3 percent of the total human genome, which are coded for olfactory receptors. What they learned was olfactory receptors are extremely specialized to identify particular odors. These receptors send information in electrical impulses to a small region in the olfactory bulb buried deep in the brain, which then passes it on to other areas. The brain then translates these impulses into "odorant patterns" that give us accurate and valuable information about our environment.

The annual [Charlie Butcher Award](#)[45] was established in 2002 to recognize leading scientists from around the world who are dedicated to interdisciplinary science and to making a significant impact on human welfare and health.

#### [Anschutz Block Party a success despite brisk weather](#)[46]

A large crowd braved chilly conditions to enjoy the food, music and games of the second annual Anschutz Block Party. (Photos: Trevr Merchant and Matt Kaskavitch)

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An occasional "brrrr" rose up between golf swings, volleyball bumps and bites of burrito, but the hearty souls at the [Anschutz Medical Campus](#)[49] and surrounding community still turned out in large numbers for the festive Anschutz Block Party on Friday.

Stacey Bagby, a professional research assistant in veterinary technology, wore a warm jacket, hat and gloves as the second annual event kicked off amid brisk conditions. "Last year it was nice out, and this year it's kind of cold, but it's still good," Bagby said.

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She strolled Bonfils Circle in front of Building 500 with her husband, Brad, and their dog, Faraday. Besides being a nice lunch break, Bagby said, the event is always eye-opening. "I end up learning about something that I didn't know was available on campus," she said. "And it's nice just to get away from the lab."

This year's Block Party featured 66 exhibitor booths—double the number from last year's inaugural event—and they represented hospitals, CU Anschutz schools and colleges, health-care providers and city of Aurora businesses. As usual, food selections were vast— four restaurant tents and eight food trucks dotted Bonfils Circle.

"It's awesome!" said Amber Ather, a first-year student in the [School of Dental Medicine](#)[51]. Then with a big grin, he added, "If only the food was free."

He loved the free live music, especially the alternative rock of The Belle Jar. The band includes multi-instrumentalist Courtney Wilson, a student in the neuroscience doctoral program, and guitarist Andy Rex, who used to work in pathology in the [School of Medicine](#)[52]. Other entertainers were the Mudra Indian Dance Studio, The Epilogues and the RipStoke Mountain Bike Stunt Team.

[Lilly Marks](#)[53], vice president of health affairs at the University of Colorado and executive vice chancellor for the Anschutz Medical Campus, strolled Bonfils Circle along with [Don Elliman](#)[54], chancellor of the University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus. They stopped and chatted with many of the exhibitors.

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"The most striking thing to me is how much we learn about ourselves and our own campus," Marks said of the Block Party. "The sweep of what we do here on this campus is so incredible."

She said the Block Party is also an excellent opportunity for the Anschutz Medical Campus community to learn about the resources available in the surrounding Aurora community and vice versa.

While waiting for a barbecue sandwich at a food truck, [David Goff](#)[56], M.D., Ph.D., dean of the [Colorado School of Public Health](#)[57], enjoyed watching the dancing of the Mudra Indian Dance Studio. Several Block Party-goers joined in with the dance troupe.

Goff said it was nice to see folks interacting during the Block Party. "I think it builds a sense of community," he said. "It gets faculty, students and staff to come out and intermingle and celebrate all the wonderful things we do on this campus as part of our mission."

Goff enjoyed socializing with colleagues at his school's information booth as well as seeing what other information booths had to offer. "People are really enjoying themselves," he said. "This is a lot of good food and good fun."

#### [McPike named executive director and chief of police at UCCS](#)[58]

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**Brian McPike**, interim executive director of the Department of Public Safety at UCCS, had the interim removed from his title during a Sept. 8 department ceremony.

The executive director also serves as chief of police. McPike took a police officer's oath before department officers in dress uniforms.

McPike was named interim executive director in April following a division of duties in the Department of Parking and Transportation Services. Previously, McPike was a UCCS Department of Public Safety police lieutenant. He joined the UCCS Department of Public Safety in 2008 and previously served in law enforcement positions with the Greenwood Village Police Department and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. In addition to his Department of Public Safety duties, he also teaches criminal justice courses through the School of Public Affairs.

#### [Rodd to receive Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation](#)[60]

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**Laurel Rasplica Rodd**, professor of Japanese at CU-Boulder, is a recipient of the Japanese Foreign Minister's Commendation for 2014. The honor was bestowed on Rodd for her outstanding contributions to the promotion of mutual understanding and goodwill between the people of Japan and the United States.

Each year, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan selects citizens to receive the Foreign Minister's Commendation. It recognizes those who have been working in various activities in international fields to contribute to the promotion of friendly relations between Japan and other countries. The commendation aims to honor outstanding achievement by individuals and groups in furthering greater understanding and support for good relations with the Japanese people.

An official conferment ceremony will be held at the Residence of the Consul General in Denver at a later date.

#### [Sassower receives Spirit of the Springs award](#)[62]

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**Raphael Sassower**, professor in the Department of Philosophy at UCCS, was honored by Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach with a Spirit of the Springs Award.

The award, presented Sept. 9 in a brief ceremony at the City Administration building during a mayor's press briefing, recognized Sassower for his campus and community contributions since joining UCCS in 1986. Bach noted Sassower's most recent recognition, his April selection as a President's Teaching Scholar.

Spirit of the Springs Awards are given by the mayor to recognize citizens when a volunteer activity or noteworthy achievement has brought great honor and pride to the city of Colorado Springs or has been distinguished at a state, national or international level.

Bach previously has given Spirit of the Springs Awards to Janice Gould, associate professor, Women's and Ethnic Studies program, as well as the 2013-14 UCCS Men's Basketball team and the 2013 club inline hockey team.

[Hiatt earns honor from American Heart Association](#)[64]

**William R. Hiatt**, professor of medicine, Division of Cardiology at CU School of Medicine, has been named a Distinguished Scientist for 2014 by the American Heart Association (AHA).

The award recognizes members of the AHA for significant, original and sustained scientific contributions including impact of research on the field, independence of the investigator, and originality and novelty of the candidate's work. Hiatt was honored based on his clinical research programs in peripheral vascular disease.

As president of the Colorado Prevention Center, Hiatt oversees a university-based clinical trials organization in cardiovascular medicine. The organization directs study design and provides academic oversight of trials of drugs, biologic agents and device therapies for cardiovascular indications and other therapeutic areas.

This honor will be awarded at the AHA's Scientific Sessions in November in Chicago.

[Thomas writes about 'last great World's Fair'](#)[65]

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**David Thomas**, CU Denver assistant professor attendant, has written about the 1964-65 New York World's Fair – what he calls “the last great one” – for a chapter about the aesthetics of fun for a new anthology on World's Fairs, “Meet Me at the Fair” (Carnegie Mellon University ETC Press, 2014), edited by Laura Hollengreen, Celia Pearce, Rebecca Rouse and Bobby Schweizer. His chapter (7.3, page 423) is titled, suitably enough, “Fun at the Fair.”

The 1964-65 New York World's Fair goes down in the record books as the most popular and one of its most contentious, said Thomas. “It was simultaneously the most fabulous and ambitious of the World Fairs. It was also a money loser and, ultimately, not even sanctioned by the World's Fair authority.”

In the chapter, Thomas explains that fun as “a term has its roots around 300 years ago in the English concept of a cheat, trick, or hoax, reaching its more contemporary meaning of amusement or frivolity during the past 100 years. And while fun as frivolity remains a popular sense of the term, for Americans the notion of fun seems to have been elevated into an aesthetic category of its own. Rather than act as a synonym for the frivolous, fun signals a break from the

ordinary, a gentle revolt against the orthodox, a mild transgression and a pleasure unique to itself."

According to Thomas, the fun was a result of multiple attractions designed and developed by Disney as well as other elements built by companies such as AT&T and IBM. This fair laid the groundwork for more permanent fun places -- most notably Disney's EPCOT Center. And Thomas noted, the fair's fun was entertainment unlike the kind of entertainment the American public would expect at that time.

#### [Dropping names ...](#)[67]

**Angela Sauaia**, a professor at the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH), has published a new book "The Quest for Health Equity." In the book, Sauaia lays out a roadmap to address health disparities. Sauaia said she wrote the book to gather information together in one place with solutions based on scientific evidence and critical thinking. "This book was a way to bear witness to this problem and to propose solutions that are within reach." The book is one of the recommended textbooks for her CU Anschutz health equity class in Health Systems, Management and Policy. Sauaia has relinquished any authors' rights and will direct all book proceeds to Partners in Health, the organization founded by Dr. Paul Farmer and colleagues that delivers health care to people all over the world. ... **Dan Theodorescu**, director of the CU Cancer Center, recently joined the 21st Century Cures Roundtable in Washington, D.C. He discussed biomedical research happening at the Anschutz Medical Campus. He was joined on the panel by U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell; Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health; and U.S. Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Margaret Hamburg. ... **Marian Rewers** has been named director of the Barbara Davis Center. He has been serving as interim director for the past year while continuing to serve as the center's clinical director. Rewer's research includes large National Institutes of Health-funded cohort studies, including The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young (TEDDY), a multi-center consortium that is the most comprehensive effort ever funded to identify environmental triggers of Type 1 diabetes. ... **Allison Kempe**, professor of pediatrics, who has led the Children's Outcomes Research program, will head ACCORDS -- the Adult and Child Center for Health Outcomes Research and Delivery Science -- a newly formed umbrella over the School of Medicine's outcomes research programs. **Edward Havranek**, professor of medicine (cardiology), will lead the Colorado Health Outcomes program while continuing to practice at Denver Health Medical Center. ... **Amy Gannon** has been named director of the Office of Grants and Contracts at the School of Medicine effective Oct. 20. She currently serves as director of procurement systems and payable services of the UC System. She has worked for the university since 1995.

Several new faculty members joined UCCS for the fall semester, including 11 assistant professors from the colleges of Business, Letters, Arts and Sciences, Engineering and Applied Sciences, and School of Public Affairs as well as the Kraemer Family Library. They are:

**Jian James Ma**, assistant professor, Department of Information Systems, College of Business -- Ma previously was an assistant professor at Colorado State University, Pueblo, and an instructor at Menlo College, the University of Arizona and Texas Tech University in addition to information technology-related positions in industry. **James Pearson**, assistant professor, Department of Biology, College of Letters, Arts and Science -- Pearson previously was a post-doctoral research officer at Cardiff Metropolitan University, Cardiff, U.K., and also conducted post-doctoral research at the Institute for Exercise and Environmental Medicine at Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas. **Darshika Perera**, assistant professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences -- Perera recently completed a Ph.D. from the University of Victoria, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. She previously completed a master's degree at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden, and a bachelor's degree from the University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. **Stephanie Ryon**, assistant professor, Department of Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs -- Ryon previously was a research assistant professor at Southern Methodist University, an adjunct professor at Florida State University and a research analyst. **Stephanie Spratt**, assistant professor, Department of Technical Services, Kraemer Family Library -- Spratt previously was an acquisitions specialist at Kansas State University and held library positions at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. **Dustin Stewart**, assistant professor, Department of English, College of Letters, Arts and Science -- Stewart previously was an assistant instructor

at the University of Texas, Austin, and a visiting instructor at Agnes Scott College, Atlanta. **Joel Tonyan**, assistant professor, Department of Web Services, Kraemer Family Library -- Tonyan previously was a systems librarian and multimedia specialist for NorthWest Arkansas Community College, worked in industry and was a graduate teaching assistant at the University of Arkansas. **James Van Scotter**, assistant professor, Department of Marketing, College of Business -- Van Scotter previously taught business courses at the University of Florida in addition to working in industry and service in the U.S. Air Force. **Jonathan Ventura**, assistant professor, Department of Computer Science, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences -- Ventura recently completed a Ph.D. at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He previously completed bachelor's and master's degrees at UCSB. **Emilie Vrbancic**, assistant professor, Department of Instruction Services, Kraemer Family Library -- Vrbancic previously was a graduate assistant, tutor and multicultural services assistant at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, and a research assistant and library assistant at Lake Forest College. **Robert Wonnert**, assistant professor, Department of Public Administration, School of Public Affairs -- Wonnert previously was an assistant clinical professor in the School of Public Affairs and program adviser in the Student Affairs in Higher Education Program of the UCCS College of Education. His UCCS career dates to 1981 and includes leadership of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Dean of Students and Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Success.

[Lockhart to receive lifetime honor](#)[68]

**Charles Lockhart**, CU emeritus professor of anesthesiology and pediatrics, School of Medicine, has been named the recipient of the 2015 American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Robert M. Smith Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric anesthesiology.

This award, which will be given at the academy's meeting in Phoenix in March 2015, recognizes a lifetime of scholarship, clinical leadership and service to the profession. Lockhart was an early supporter of the Children's Hospital-School of Medicine affiliation in 1990.

The AAP Section on Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine established the Robert M. Smith Award in 1986 to honor Smith for his contributions in the fields of pediatrics and pediatric anesthesiology. Smith is recognized as one of the pioneers in anesthesiology for his advocacy to improve techniques and equipment for pediatric patients.

Lockhart served as director of anesthesiology at The Children's Hospital in Denver from 1973 until 1997. He retired from clinical practice in 2007. Lockhart considered Smith a friend, mentor and colleague, and he followed Smith as chairman of the AAP Section on Pediatric Anesthesia in 1978.

[In memoriam](#)[69]

Names of current and former University of Colorado faculty and staff who have died in recent weeks. List compiled by Employee Services.

**CU-Boulder**

**John H. Hodges**, 85, faculty retiree. Sept. 2, 2014. **Susan L. Miles**, 68, exempt professional retiree. July 13, 2014. **Lenard Millert Sipes**, 62, classified staff retiree. July 15, 2014. **Patricia Soto Hoffmann**, 36, faculty. July 30, 2014.

**UCCS**

**Mary Carole Schoffstall**, 75, faculty retiree. July 26, 2014.

**CU Anschutz Medical Campus**

**Bezunesh B. Worku**, 56, classified staff. Aug. 3, 2014. **Denver E. Maine**, 85, classified staff retiree. July 25, 2014.



[ELP Award Nominations due Sept. 26](#)<sup>[70]</sup>

The Excellence in Leadership Program (ELP) is accepting nominations for the 2014 Excellence in Leadership Award through Sept. 26.

ELP is a university-sponsored leadership program that seeks to develop high-potential individuals as effective leaders. Since 2000, the program has been supported by the Office of the President and has graduated 449 university faculty and staff.

The award recognizes an ELP alumnus who has shown exemplary leadership at the university in one or more areas: Leadership of organizations, departments, or teams Leadership of projects, programs and/or research Fiscal management and/or fundraising Student instruction

**Who is eligible?**

ELP graduates who are currently working at the University of Colorado. View the ELP Alumni list:

[https://www.cu.edu/sites/default/files/ELPAlumni\\_web\\_0.pdf](https://www.cu.edu/sites/default/files/ELPAlumni_web_0.pdf)<sup>[71]</sup>

**Deadline** – 5 p.m. Sept. 26

**How and where to submit?**

Complete the nomination form and submit to Erin Russell at: [erin.russell@cu.edu](mailto:erin.russell@cu.edu)<sup>[72]</sup> View the form at:

<https://www.cu.edu/employee-services/leadership/elp/alumni><sup>[73]</sup>

The recipient of the award and the nominator will be recognized at the Excellence in Leadership Luncheon and Lecture on Nov. 14 at the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver.

**Questions?** Contact [erin.russell@cu.edu](mailto:erin.russell@cu.edu)<sup>[72]</sup>

[Fall Convocation at CU-Boulder features faculty awards](#)<sup>[74]</sup>

Please join us for a celebration of our outstanding faculty and students. On Sept. 19, CU-Boulder will host its ninth annual Fall Convocation: A Celebration of Faculty Achievement, held in conjunction with this year's Family Weekend. Events include speakers throughout the morning and an awards ceremony followed by a reception.

The awards ceremony, recognizing Provost's Achievement Award winners and recipients of tenure and promotion, will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Center for British and Irish Studies.

Contact: Faculty Affairs, 303-492-5491

Additional Information:

<https://facultyaffairs.colorado.edu/welcome/ninth-annual-fall-convocation><sup>[75]</sup>

[Call for proposals: 13th Annual CU Women Succeeding Symposium](#)<sup>[76]</sup>

The 13th Annual CU Women Succeeding Professional Development symposium will be Feb. 26-27 at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. The Faculty Council Women's Committee welcomes proposals from the CU community centered on this year's theme, "Pioneering Women." The committee is seeking knowledgeable and dynamic proposals that address the interests and concerns of CU women faculty and staff.

**The committee welcomes professional development proposals that:**

Address the interests and concerns of CU women faculty and staff and broader educational/professional-development issues related to women in academia and beyond. Stimulate and provoke discussion and audience engagement  
Present evidence based on or supported by research Target new, mid-career and seasoned faculty and staff

**Each proposal must include:**

Title and summary of presentation (100 words or less) Brief description of proposed topic and how it relates to the theme "Pioneering Women" One to three specific learning objectives for participants. Time block preference (indicate preference for 45 or 90 minutes) Contact information of primary presenter

Proposals may be submitted electronically at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6FCX3GQ>[77].

The deadline for submission is Oct. 31. Presenters will be notified of acceptance by mid-December. For questions or more information, please contact [melinda.piket-may@cu.edu](mailto:melinda.piket-may@cu.edu)[78].

Click [here](#)[79] for more information about the symposium and to view last year's presentation topics. Registration will open on Nov. 3.

[Request for nominations: 2014 Elizabeth D. Gee Memorial Lectureship Award](#)[80]

The Women's Committee of the Faculty Council requests nominations for the 2014 Elizabeth D. Gee Memorial Lectureship Award. This award recognizes and honors an outstanding faculty member of the University of Colorado for efforts to advance women in academia, interdisciplinary scholarly contributions and distinguished teaching. Instituted in 1992, the award is named for Elizabeth Gee, a faculty member in the Health Sciences Center School of Nursing and the late wife of former CU President Gordon Gee.

The Gee Award is the only award in the CU system that specifically recognizes outstanding work on women's issues and a concerted effort to advance women in the academy. It carries with it a \$1,000 prize, and the recipient will have an opportunity to present his/her scholarly work at the 13th Annual CU Women Succeeding Faculty Professional Development Symposium, set for Feb. 27. Kathleen Bollard, Vice President for Academic Affairs, will be the keynote speaker.

**Eligibility:** Any full-time faculty member from any of the CU campuses may be nominated.

**Criteria:** The criteria for selecting recipients of the award are as follows:

Record of advancing women in the academic community (please note that nominee should show evidence of advancing women beyond his/her own department); Significant and original scholarship and/or creative work; Record of research, teaching, and/or service that pushes the boundaries of disciplinary knowledge and makes connection between disciplines; Distinguished record in teaching excellence.

**Nomination:** To nominate a candidate, please submit the following:

a nomination statement in letter form (please individually address each of the four criteria listed above in the letter), a two- to three-page abbreviated current curriculum vitae of the nominee, a one- to two-page personal statement from the nominee (please individually address each of the four criteria listed above in the statement), and Letters of support from the university community and the extended academic community. One letter from a student or advisee is optional. Nomination packets should not exceed 20 pages. Only complete nomination packets sent in by the due date will be reviewed.

Nomination submission deadline is Oct. 31. Please submit the **[nominating packet as a single PDF file](#)** to [facultycouncil@cu.edu](mailto:facultycouncil@cu.edu)[81]. If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Melinda Piket-May at [Melinda.Piket-May@cu.edu](mailto:Melinda.Piket-May@cu.edu)[82]. Preference will be given to nominees who have been with the University of Colorado at least five years.

Visit <http://www.cu.edu/faculty-council/awards/elizabeth-d-gee-memorial-lectureship-award>[83] for a complete list of previous award winners.

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