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CU Showcase spotlights innovation, partnerships[1]

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The University of Colorado's second annual CU Showcase highlighted the university's pivotal role in driving innovation across the state and nation.

Coinciding with Colorado Startup Week[3], Monday's event at the McNichols Civic Center Building in Denver brought together more than 60 CU innovators, students and community partners to share ideas and discoveries with the potential to change lives. The showcase connected CU's four campuses through a mix of exhibits, conversation and collaboration.

"We developed the I&E initiative to leverage the incredible innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem we have across the CU system," said CU President Todd Saliman. "Our world-class research and our immersive educational opportunities generate real-world impact."

In fiscal year 2024, <u>CU Boulder led the country</u>[4] in launching startups from a university, outpaced only by Stanford for startups launched within a single year. Each year, CU remains <u>among the top 20 U.S. universities for patents granted</u> [5] – a testament to the strength of faculty research and entrepreneurial activity.

CU's impact remains vital to Colorado's economy and communities, demonstrated by its annual statewide economic contribution of \$19.4 billion, 2.6 million patient visits and more than \$1.7 billion in sponsored research.

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Keynote speakers at Monday's event included Matt Ridenour of Google; Thomas "Detour" Evans, MBA, a CU Denver alumnus and internationally recognized artist; Maithreyi Gopalakrishnan, M.S., a CU Boulder alum and founder of PrecisionTerra; Rafael de la Vega, a UCCS alumnus and co-founder of Salt Athletic; and Col. Vik Bebarta, M.D., a CU Anschutz professor and founding director of the CU Center for COMBAT Research.

Nearly 110 high school students from Denver and Aurora public schools also participated, engaging with CU students and innovators throughout the day.

"The future of innovation relies on partnerships," Saliman said. "Events like this showcase the work happening in our community and the connections we're building. Who knows what breakthrough will start here today?"

For more information about the CU Showcase and the President's I&E Initiative, visit cu.edu/impact-cu[7].

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CU sees systemwide record enrollment this fall[10]

AURORA – The University of Colorado experienced record enrollment systemwide with some 67,843 students enrolling across the university's four campuses, according to final fall census numbers released Thursday to the Board of Regents at its September meeting at CU Anschutz.

The primary driver of the record was an increase in resident students at all four CU campuses, with increases of 28 at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, 59 at the University of Colorado Anschutz, 426 at the University of Colorado Denver and 642 at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Graduate student enrollment was down at CU Boulder and CU Denver but rose at UCCS. Nonresident student enrollment and international student enrollment dropped on all campuses except CU Anschutz, which saw a significant increase.

University of Colorado Boulder: Fall 2025 census enrollment is 1.0% more than fall 2024 with 38,808 students

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enrolled. Continuing undergraduate enrollment is 23,603 students, an increase of 704 students (3.1%) over fall 2024. Graduate enrollment is 6,288 students, a decrease of 201 students (3.2%) from fall 2024. International undergraduate student enrollment is down by 13.8%, which is less than the 24.3% previously anticipated. University of Colorado Denver: Fall 2025 census enrollment is 0.9% over fall 2024 with 13,853 students enrolled. New first-year undergraduates increased 5.6% compared to prior year, driven by strong growth in Colorado residents. Continuing undergraduate students are up 1.0% year over year, but new graduate student enrollment is down 2.4%. University of Colorado Colorado Springs: Fall 2025 census enrollment is down slightly over fall 2024 with 10,607 students enrolled. Resident student enrollment grew slightly and graduate student enrollment saw a 6% increase. International student enrollment decreased slightly as well. University of Colorado Anschutz: Fall 2025 census enrollment is up 1.9% over fall 2024 with 4,640 students enrolled. Schools and colleges experiencing enrollment increases include the College of Nursing, BS Nursing with a 7.2% increase, the School of Medicine, DPT Hybrid Program with a 106% increase and the Skaggs School of Pharmacy, PharmD Program with a 7.8% increase. The campus also saw a 28% increase in international student enrollment.

Renumbering of several regent laws and policies marks last step of formal review[11]

Following a 10-year effort to formally review and revamp all regent laws and policies, the Office of Policy and Efficiency [12] (OPE) recently completed the last step by updating the numbering of several regent laws and policies.

With the formal review complete, all regent laws and policies now are on a regular review cycle outlined in the <u>Five-Year Review Schedule</u>[13].

The Board of Regents in November 2015 directed a formal review of all regent laws and policies. As a result of the multiple law and policy revisions approved by the board during the 10-year review process, which wrapped in February 2025, the administration's Laws and Policies Coordinating Committee recommended renumbering several laws and policies and identified non-substantive conforming amendments needed to maintain internal consistency across regent laws and policies.

In April 2025, the board approved a resolution authorizing the administration's Laws and Policies Coordinating Committee to make necessary, non-substantive, conforming amendments to regent laws and policies, including renumbering, title changes and cross-reference updates.

To help users identify changes, the committee created a <u>crosswalk of changes</u>[14] for the regent laws and regent policies that were renumbered as of July 30, 2025.

For more information or to view the detailed redlined changes to these laws, policies and APSs, go to:

<u>Impacted Regent Laws and Policies from the laws and policies renumbering</u>[16]<u>Impacted APSs from the laws and policies renumbering</u>[17]

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From Sept. 12, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on ED Ending Minority Serving Institution Grants, Federal Courts Allowing Termination of NSF Grants, NIH Biosafety Initiative Launch, and the MAHA Strategy Report Release.
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