Nominate an outstanding CU leader for the Excellence in Leadership Award by Nov. 25[1]

Do you know a University of Colorado leader who has participated in the Excellence in Leadership Program (ELP)[2]? Consider recognizing the leadership and contributions of an ELP alumnus by submitting a nomination for the Excellence in Leadership Award.[3]

All ELP alumni currently working at the University of Colorado are eligible to be nominated through Nov. 25. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Two awards will be presented: one to an eligible faculty member and one to an eligible staff member.

We've had many outstanding nominees over the years. If someone you nominated previously continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership and impact, we encourage you to nominate them again.

About the award

Nominees must be alumni of the ELP program[4] who display excellence in the following areas:
Exceptional Leadership: Demonstrates exceptional leadership by thoughtfully strategizing, motivating teams and achieving measurable results while consistently aligning actions with the University of Colorado's mission, guiding principles and vision. Effectively manages resources and stakeholders to enhance operational efficiency and advance strategic goals. Additionally, their leadership creates an environment where CU community members have a sense of belonging, feel valued and are empowered to meaningfully contribute to CU's mission. **Impactful Contributions:** Leads projects, programs or research endeavors that have significant and measurable impacts on the University of Colorado as a whole and/or their respective campus community, evidenced by quantifiable metrics and recognition.
Community Engagement: Actively participates in initiatives, activities or partnerships that contribute to positive community outcomes and strengthen the University of Colorado system and/or their respective campus' mission and reputation.
Past winners

The Excellence in Leadership Award has honored exceptional leaders in the CU community since 2009. Most recently, the award was given to Professor Natalie Serkova of CU Anschutz and Interim Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Stephanie Hanenberg of UCCS[5]. Prior to that, winners include Colorado School of Public Health Dean Cathy Bradley[6], Distinguished Professor Ruth Ellen Kocher of CU Boulder[7] and former Leads School of Business Dean Sharon Matusik[8].

See a complete list of winners on the Excellence in Leadership Luncheon webpage[9].

The award recipients will be recognized at the Excellence in Leadership Luncheon on April 2, 2027.

Nominate a leader today
Visit the ELP nomination page[3] to access the nomination form, instructions, criteria and a list of eligible alumni. Nominations will be accepted from any University of Colorado employee who has worked or is working with the nominee. The deadline for submitting a nomination is **5 p.m. MT Wednesday, Nov. 25**.
If you have questions, please contact elp@cu.edu[10].

Empower Colorado: Donate to the Colorado Combined Campaign[11]

CU Boulder launches First-Generation Student Enrichment[12]

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Federal update: DHS proposed rule on OPT fees, White House Golden Age of Science Summit, more[15]

From Oct. 9, this update from CU Federal Relations and Counsel includes information on DHS proposed rule on OPT fees, White House Golden Age of Science Summit, Court order temporarily blocks ED from publishing foreign donor names and more.

Click here to read the post.[16]

For the latest communications and federal memos, please visit the CU System Federal Updates and Actions[17] page.

UCCS eliminates undergraduate application fee for all Colorado residents[18]

The University of Colorado Anschutz receives the largest federal research award in campus history, up to $120 million, to advance new treatments and diagnostics for severe hemorrhage[19]

The University of Colorado Anschutz[20] will receive up to a $120 million award over three years from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA[21]) to accelerate the evaluation and advancement of emerging technologies designed to improve care for patients experiencing severe hemorrhage. The award is the largest federal research award since CU Anschutz was established in 2006.

BOLDERBoulder Co-Founder Steve Bosley Named to Colorado Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2027[22]

Steve Bosley, co-founder of the BOLDERBoulder 10K and the creative force behind one of the most recognized running events, has been named to the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame as part of the class of 2027.

The announcement recognizes Bosley's decades of contributions to Colorado sports, the road racing community, and the Boulder community. Bosley will join fellow BOLDERBoulder co-founder and Olympic gold medalist Frank Shorter, who was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. Together, the two helped transform an idea into a Memorial Day tradition that has become one of the largest and most recognized road races in the world.

"What started as an idea between Frank and me nearly 50 years ago has grown into something far beyond anything we could have imagined. The BOLDERBoulder has always been about more than running. I'm incredibly honored by this recognition, but the real credit belongs to the thousands who have helped make the BOLDERBoulder what it is today," Bosley said.

First held in 1979, the BOLDERBoulder has grown from a local road race into one of the nation's premier running events, attracting more than 50,000 participants annually. Its signature finish inside the University of Colorado's Folsom Stadium, introduced in 1981, has become one of the most memorable experiences in road racing. Over its history, 1,592,323 runners, joggers, and walkers have crossed the finish line at the BOLDERBoulder.

Bosley's vision extended well beyond the race itself. Under his leadership, the BOLDERBoulder developed its nationally recognized International Team Challenge, bringing world-class athletes from all over the world to Boulder, while also establishing its Memorial Day Tribute, providing the community the opportunity to honor the American warriors who have paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom.

Shorter, whose gold medal performance at the 1972 Munich Olympics, was a major contributor to igniting the American running boom, praised his longtime friend and partner for his vision, leadership, and lasting contributions to the sport.

"Steve has always had an extraordinary ability to see what something could become and then bring together the people and resources to make it happen. When we started the BOLDERBoulder, we wanted to create a great running event, but Steve quickly came to envision something that would become part of the fabric of the community. His leadership and commitment over all these years have made that possible. I couldn't be happier to see him receive this well-deserved honor, and I'm especially proud to welcome him into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame," Shorter said

For Bosley's son, Cliff, the Race Director since 1998, the recognition carries both personal and professional significance.

"Growing up, I had a front-row seat to my dad's passion for the BOLDERBoulder and the Boulder community. He never saw the race as simply a 10K. He saw it as an opportunity to bring people together and create something special that would last for generations. His vision, determination, and commitment to excellence established the foundation for everything we do today. As his son, I'm incredibly proud of this recognition, and as the race director, I'm grateful for the legacy he created and the opportunity to help carry it forward," Cliff Bosley said.

Beyond the BOLDERBoulder, Bosley has made significant contributions to Colorado sports and the University of Colorado. A former president of the Bank of Boulder, an independent community bank, and a two-term member of the University of Colorado Board of Regents, where he served for 12 years, Bosley has long been a champion of athletics, education, and community engagement.

His contributions to the sport of running have earned numerous honors, including recognition as the Road Race Management Race Director of the Year, induction into the Colorado Running Hall of Fame, and membership in Running USA's Hall of Champions. In 2025, he was inducted into the University of Colorado Athletic Hall of Fame (Legacy Wing).

Earlier this year, Bosley and Shorter were also recognized by The Denver Post among Colorado's 150 most influential and historical figures as part of the state's sesquicentennial celebration.

Bosley is one of six members of the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame class of 2027, joining former Colorado Rockies standout Carlos González, Denver Broncos great Tom Nalen, Olympic medalist Jenny Barringer-Simpson, longtime Broncos executive Jim Saccomano, and the late professional golfer Dave Hill. The Class of 2027 will be formally inducted on April 15, 2027, during the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame's 62nd annual induction banquet at the Hilton Denver City Center.

For Bosley, the recognition adds another milestone to a legacy that continues to shape the Colorado running community nearly five decades after the first BOLDERBoulder.

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