

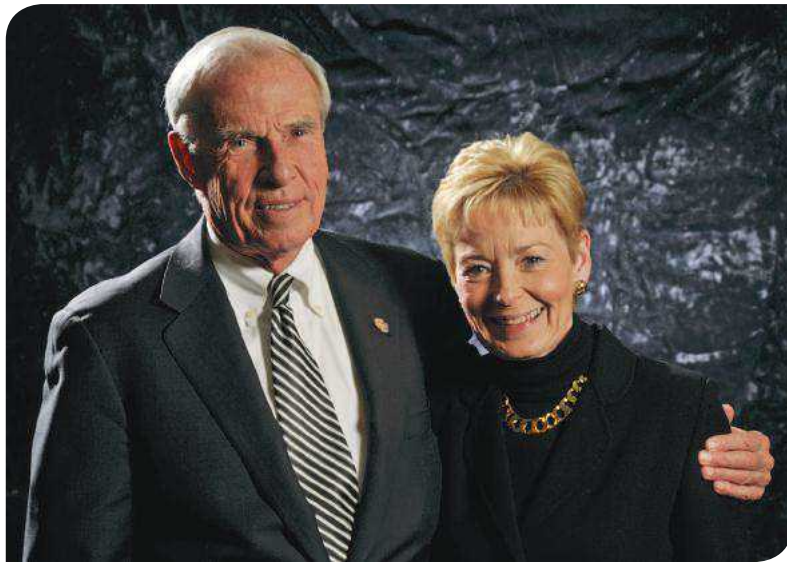
Creating Futures

SURPASSES ITS \$1.5 BILLION CAMPAIGN MILESTONE



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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

When you stop to consider the \$1.5 billion in private support raised during the *Creating Futures* campaign, the total can seem monumental. Yet when you look at the campaign through the lens of the thousands of stories that contribute to that total, a more human-sized picture appears.

That picture is manifested in the generous contributions of our alumni, donors, and friends who made *Creating Futures* successful. They are making a tremendous difference to people, programs, and facilities across CU's four campuses. Our donors' investments in CU demonstrate not only the value they add to our world-class teaching, learning, and research, but also the confidence they have in the university.

We are deeply grateful for your support.

We couldn't possibly recount all the unique stories of why people have stepped up to support CU these past seven and a half years in this space. But a small sampling can be gleaned from these pages.

Suffice to say, all of our donors have made CU a better place for students, faculty, alumni, and friends. In turn, they have allowed us to help make our state, nation, and world better places.

We also take a moment to thank our volunteer campaign leaders and committee members who have served as exemplary ambassadors and stewards for the university. Chief among these have been our campus campaign chairs: Jeannie and Jack Thompson at CU-Boulder, Mary and Ed Osborne at UCCS, Laura and Dave Baker at CU Denver, and Nan and Spike Eklund at CU Anschutz.

Yet there is still work to do and needs to meet. *Creating Futures* shows the power and promise of private support. Given tenuous state funding, our donors are increasingly important to CU's future. We are revamping our advancement operations going forward to take our efforts to the next level.

But today, we will celebrate the success of the *Creating Futures* campaign and once again say thank you to all of you who made that success possible.

Sincerely,

MARCY AND BRUCE ('64) BENSON
Chairs, *Creating Futures*

A Timeline of Highlights *Creating Futures* : July 1, 2006-Sept. 30, 2013

2006

July: "Quiet phase" (campaign gifts are recorded, but planning occurs internally) of *Creating Futures* begins.



from the Gates Frontiers Fund, enabling CU to bring aboard stem cell research experts such as Dennis Roop (above).

August: The Charles C. Gates Center for Regenerative Medicine opens thanks to more than \$14 million



November: The Anschutz Medical Campus is named to recognize more than \$91 million in gifts to date from the Anschutz Foundation toward CU's new health sciences campus. Since then the campaign's largest donor has given over \$30 million more to CU.

2007

July: A significant estate commitment by longtime CU Denver history professor Mark S. Foster augments a fund he created honoring arts and sciences faculty achievement.

August: Don ('62) and Karen ('62) Ringsby direct a portion of their charitable remainder trust to the CU Art Museum: the museum's largest endowed gift ever, valued at more than \$1.6 million.



September: A lead gift from Marvin Caruthers that—along with more than \$25 million from other donors including Phillips 66, Jane Butcher, and Jean ('64) and Jack ('64) Thompson—provides the linchpin for CU-Boulder's Jennie Smoly Caruthers Biotechnology Building (above).

Our donors have created futures!

Thanks to 400,000 plus University of Colorado donors since July 2006, we have *created futures*, and we have more than \$1.5 billion reasons to be grateful.

The generosity of our donors—in a landscape flush with compelling philanthropic priorities, in the teeth of the toughest economic downturn most of us have ever experienced—has humbled us.

We have been gratified to see how outstanding students, faculty, and staff on each of our four campuses have ignited passions throughout the CU family. Alumni, friends, industry leaders, and foundations all have responded in record numbers to CU's success and potential in such fundamental realms as:

Learning and Teaching: giving students the wisdom, perspective, and passion tomorrow's leaders will need

Discovery and Innovation: confronting the challenges of our time

Culture and Community: strengthening our social fabric and promoting positive change

Health and Wellness: improving the quality and longevity of our lives, here and around the world

Though CU now commemorates the close of *Creating Futures*, our work is by no means complete. The challenges ahead, for our people and our institution, remain stout.

But as we conclude our fourth comprehensive fundraising campaign (the second exceeding \$1 billion), we take a moment to reflect, take pride in our collaborative work, and look ahead. Our great state of Colorado jigs and jags with peaks and valleys, but we pursue a steady forward path. We're inspired to do so because the view remains unparalleled. From here, we can see the future.

Thank you for all that you do for CU.



2008

February: Bruce D. Benson ('64) is named CU's 22nd president.

April: Motivated by depression's impact on his mother, George Wieggers commits \$3 million to seed a new Depression Center at the Anschutz Medical Campus, later bolstered with \$2 million in program support.



May: The vision and generosity of Zuhair Fayed ('71) sparks a partnership between Dar Al-Hekma, the Saudi Arabian women's college he co-founded, and his alma mater, CU's College of Architecture and Planning.

June: The parents of Lynn Bateman, a CU Denver professor who died in an auto accident, pledge \$440,000 to start a mathematics teaching fellowship in her honor.

September: The Linda Crnic Institute for Down Syndrome opens thanks to commitments from Anna and John J. Sie, a key part of more than \$17 million in CU gifts they have made since 2006.



October: Colorado Law students can better incorporate real-world practice into their training, with \$5 million from Richard F. and Rick E. ('87) Schaden toward experiential learning and an endowed faculty chair.

Creating Futures

by the numbers

7/1/2006-9/30/2013

Number of gifts:
403,999

Number of new endowed faculty chair funds:
46

40% more than in 2006

Number of alumni donors:
XXX,XXX

Donors who gave \$1 million+ during the campaign:
124

Donors who gave \$10 million+ during the campaign:
11

Number of donors:
158,573

93,726 of whom never gave to CU before

Estate gift commitments made this campaign:
521

Number of new scholarship funds:
448

40% more than in 2006

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2009

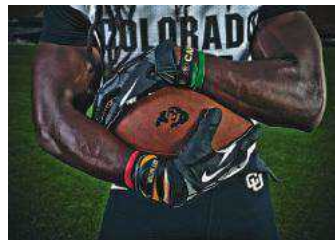


March: CU-Boulder engineers can better tackle development challenges in under-resourced communities worldwide, thanks to \$5 million from Mort and Alice Mortenson and Mortenson Construction.

March: An anonymous \$5.5 million for UCCS scholarships is announced, making the school one of eight to benefit from this major philanthropic act.

March: *Creating Futures* private support exceeds \$500 million.

June: The Colorado Health Foundation (a founding supporter of the Colorado School of Public Health) grants more than \$2 million for public health program expansion and faculty, part of more than \$34 million in CU grants since 2006.



June: CU-Boulder announces an estate gift from Louise Bennett Reed ('29), of \$4.75 million toward athletics scholarships.

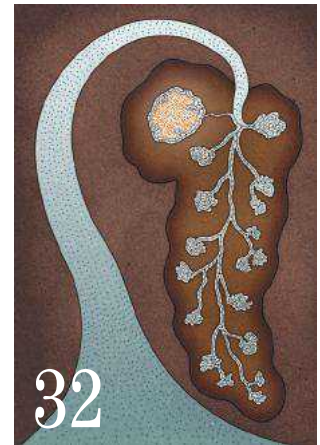
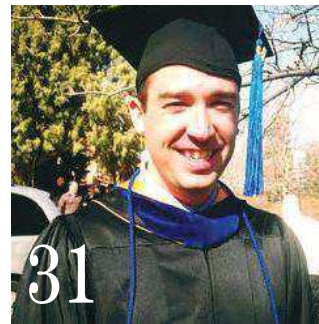


and Mary Osborne.

August: UCCS's largest building opens, later named the Osborne Center for Science and Engineering to honor UCCS's most generous donors ever, Ed

November: Faculty emeriti Peter and Linda DeLeon commit an estate gift of \$1.25 million to graduate research at the School of Public Affairs.

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Kelly Cronin

Kelly Cronin may not yet have written the book on higher-education fundraising—but she did write the dissertation. Her “Public University Leaders as Fundraisers” research study was a signature output from Cronin’s doctoral studies; she received her Ed.D. in educational leadership and foundations in 2006.

For the last seven years, she has leveraged her expertise on behalf of the four-campus Texas Tech University system, where as vice chancellor of institutional advancement and president and CEO of the Texas Tech Foundation, Inc. she led Texas Tech to the successful completion—a year ahead of schedule—of its \$1 billion campaign. Now vice president of advancement for the University of Colorado, Cronin leads CU’s development efforts through a period of dynamic change. Below, she answers a few questions.



Kelly Cronin

In your short time here, what do you observe about the role philanthropy can play at the University of Colorado going forward?

CU is in a very small circle of America’s most important universities. Having a top-tier university that plays in this league is an enormous economic, social, medical, and cultural advantage for Colorado and the entire Mountain West region. Thus, further enhancement of the quality of CU is an imperative.

Philanthropy has a huge role to play. Philanthropic investments can improve the competitive footing of CU in a vast number of ways including (but not exclusive to) the addition of well-funded and prestigious endowed chairs and professorships, graduate fellowships, student scholarships, facilities, and much more—all the tools necessary for our faculty to push the frontiers of their disciplines and our students to have the highest-quality experience.

Operating a major-league franchise like CU is intense and expensive. But

there is so much riding on the outcome that we must optimize the impact philanthropy will have on CU in the future. As important as it has always been, it will be even more important going forward. I look forward to working with our Trustees, our generous donors, and a highly motivated staff to help make it happen.

What inspires you about your work in university philanthropy?

Some time back, I read a quotation that has stuck with me during my career. Erich Bloch, former director of the National Science Foundation said, “The solution to virtually all of the problems with which society is concerned—health, education, the environment, energy, urban development, international relationships, economic competitiveness, defense, and national security—all depend on the creation of new knowledge and, thus, on the health of America’s great research universities.” Believing this to be absolutely true, how could a person not be inspired by the opportunity to help create even greater capacity for this important work?

What is your aspiration for Advancement at the University of Colorado?

I desire nothing less than for us to be seen as the most innovative program in the nation—from the apparatus, practices, policies, and procedures that support the work, to the conveyance of the most powerful message possible about how philanthropic investment here changes the world. To achieve this we have to be seen as a destination for professionals at the top of their game and then provide a culture and context for their work that is healthy and conducive to productivity. If the faculty of CU are expected to push the frontiers of their disciplines, then we should be expected to do the same. We will examine every dimension of our program here not just with an eye on elevating to best practices but also toward outright innovations of the model. Our program should be reflective in every way of the quality of the institution as a whole.



The University of Colorado's headquarters at 1800 Grant St. in Denver.

Related to CU, how can you best serve our donors and the philanthropic sector generally?

I want to help clear the brush and make CU more transparent and understandable for those have already invested and will invest in the future. My intention is to help define core messages and help build consistencies in how we talk about philanthropy at CU to feed our donors' sense of satisfaction and fulfillment. I want to provide our donors with a context to help them understand the impact they are having by investing here. I feel privileged to serve CU in this role. There is an ethos of service here that is palpable.

What would you like for people to know about you personally and why you chose to come to the University of Colorado?

I was raised in El Paso and speak fluent Spanish. Growing up there created a deep appreciation for seeking out and experiencing a wide variety of cultures and the enrichment diversity brings to any setting including, if not especially, higher education. Cooking is a passion of mine, as is live music. My tastes are very eclectic when it comes to music. My work has presented the

opportunity to meet many prominent names in the music world including Elton John, George Strait, Bon Jovi, and others. All of my life experiences have, in some way, led me to the University of Colorado because it is a place that is fully reflective of my personal values—service, the search for meaning and truth, leadership, and being a vessel for positive change.

Did you know?

University of Colorado researchers attracted more than \$774 million sponsored funding in 2012-13, primary from federal funders.

UCCS

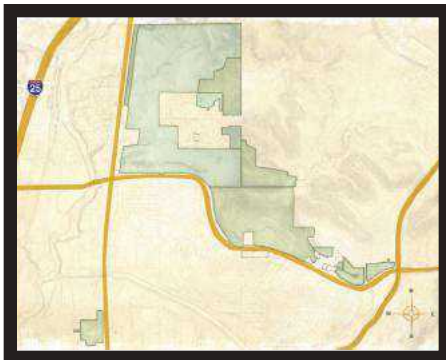
This land was donors' land

Did you know that the overwhelming majority of the land that comprises the 530-acre University of Colorado Colorado Springs campus was gifted to the university by donors?

UCCS was born in 1965 when George T. Dwire gave (well, sold for \$1 a year) 80 acres on Austin Bluffs and the building that had housed a defunct sanatorium. The philanthropic thread goes back even further, to city founder William Jackson Palmer's 1905 gift of 100 acres to establish that sanatorium.

In 1979, Virginia Trembly (a pioneering female Colorado Springs dentist) deeded more than 300 acres to UCCS, forming the tableau of the university's North Nevada Avenue expansion. A 1996 estate gift of the former Heller Ranch added 34 acres, now used for a burgeoning arts and humanities center. And land gifts from nearly a dozen other donors have accentuated key strategic needs and campus contiguity.

Together, these gifts help the campus maintain a buffer of open space, and give UCCS unrivaled potential to serve an expanding Southern Colorado population. ■



Virtually all of UCCS's current campus (in green) reflects private gifts of land to the university.



CU CANCER CENTER

\$275 lifetime donor leaves CU \$1.6 million for cancer research

Edna Leeman gave a total of \$275 to the University of Colorado Cancer Center before her death in 2012. Yet her legacy there will far exceed that modest sum—thanks to an unrestricted \$1.6 million estate gift she left toward CU Cancer Center research.

Known to her friends as "Eddy," she was born in 1926 in Clayton, N.M. After moving to Denver, she married Edward J. Leeman. Edward's father founded the Leeman Auto Company and Leeman Industrial Bank from the 1930s to the 1950s, one of two firms that at one point financed half of Denver's auto loans.

After the family sold the auto company, Edward managed properties in Denver while Edna handled their investments. "Without much formal education, Edna was one of the most educated people you'd meet," says her stepson, Larry Leeman. "There wasn't anything she tried that she couldn't do well."

Edna Leeman's connection to CU was as a grateful patient. In the 1980s she underwent radiation treatments and surgery for ovarian cancer. Taking into account that her husband had cancer as well, Edna's Cancer Center bequest will support research for a disease that greatly impacted her family.

"She was a deeply private person who lived her life with dignity, kindness, and charity, setting herself to the highest standard," says family friend Barbara Kennedy. ■



Cancer Center donor Edna Leeman in 1993.

Did you know?

CU has teamed with the Coursera platform to explore the use of massive open online courses (MOOC) that could deliver better education opportunities to more students.

CU DENVER

Making history, one student at a time



Denver teacher Barb Allen with student Molly Maier, who won a bronze medal at 2013 National History Day for her exhibit, "The Pill: 10 mg. that rocked the modern world."

National History Day in Colorado is a year-long program based at CU-Denver that gets 6th to 12th grade students excited about history, and has helped them improve critical thinking, research, analysis, and communication skills for more than 30 years.

"If we can influence students toward an appreciation and love of history, they will become better citizens for our country and our world," says Midge Korczak ('67), a National History Day in Colorado donor. "We want educated, intelligent, thoughtful members in our community to help us make sound decisions about our future."

The program's 15,000 student participants research projects related to

an annual theme (this year: "Rights and Responsibilities"), and present them at regional, state, and national contests under National History Day auspices.

Some students go on to win medals (as three Coloradans did at the national competition last June), and all come through the experience with an appreciation of their contribution to history.

Says Denver School of the Arts 9th-grader Molly Maier, "I had been shy proving my case to adults, but thanks to National History Day, I've become more comfortable speaking in a formal setting. The presentation experience will help me later in life—whether I'm researching new products in science, presenting at a company or teaching math to students." ■

To give to National History Day in Colorado, call 303-315-2029.

CU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Giving generously, in the Western spirit

Approximately 20 percent of Colorado's population lives in rural areas, but only 9 percent of its physicians practice there. A 107-year-old mainstay of Western life—the National Western Stock Show—is filling that need at the CU School of Medicine, providing annual scholarships for four first-year medical students, three physician assistants and three physicians during residency with an interest in rural medicine.

Of 171 U.S. medical schools, CU's is one of only 33 with a rural track designed to educate students who aspire to practice in a rural community. CU School of Medicine graduates are 38 percent more likely than national peers to practice family medicine, the backbone of rural medicine.

The life of a rural health care practitioner is demanding yet rewarding, requiring a broader range of skills than needed in urban practice and a deeper engagement in community life, but with opportunities to make significant impacts on the lives and health of patients.

When he completes his family medicine residency, National Western Stock Show scholarship recipient D.J. Dutton, MD ('11) plans to practice in Walsenburg, population 3,000. "I really want to make a difference in people's lives and I'm committed to being a small-town doctor," he says. ■



National Western Stock Show scholarship recipient D.J. Dutton, MD ('11) with Michael Moll, MD in Walsenburg, Colo.

Donors Make a Difference,

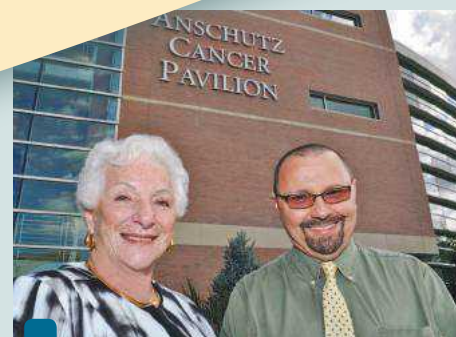


To honor Colorado Attorney General John Suthers's public-service efforts and acumen—which he exemplifies as scholar-in-residence at the School of Public Affairs at UCCS—a scholarship has been established for UCCS criminal justice juniors and seniors. In just a few months, more than 65 donors have given to this **John Suthers Scholarship**, to be awarded starting in Spring 2014.

Jeannie ('64) and Jack ('64) Thompson have shown strong leadership as CU-Boulder chairs for *Creating Futures*, and their gifts to more than a dozen CU programs indicate a powerful mix of broad interests and institutional loyalty. They now have made an unprecedented commitment to trigger a new \$2 million endowment for the **Thompson Jazz Studies Program**, making it CU-Boulder's first named program.



Community & Culture



Mort Saffer was among the first to receive bone marrow stem cell transplants at the former University of Colorado Hospital location at Ninth and Colorado avenues in Denver—helping prolong his life and forestalling the cancer that ultimately took his life in 2007. In tribute to care Mort received from University of Colorado health professionals, his surviving wife, Sandra, made gifts to spark the endowment of an endowed research chair toward lymphoma research.

Above: Sandra Saffer with Dan Theodorescu, MD, PhD, director of the CU Cancer Center

Health & Wellness

Robert H. Allen, MD led the CU School of Medicine's hematology division for more than 30 years, and made key discoveries related to metabolism and vitamin B12 transport. To honor a former colleague's leadership as chair of the department of medicine, Robert and his wife Nancy made a major commitment to accelerate progress toward a new **Robert W. Schrier, MD Endowed Chair**—adding to four other School of Medicine chairs the Allens have endowed.



Robert W. Schrier, MD

All Around CU!

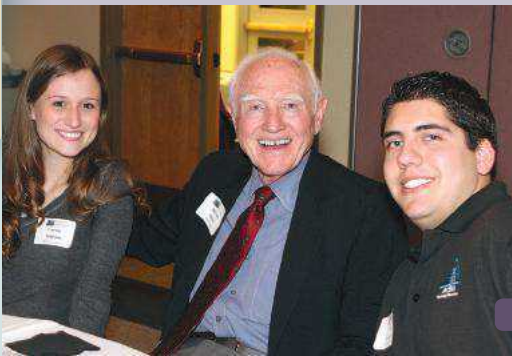
Learning & Teaching



A CU Denver electrical engineering student

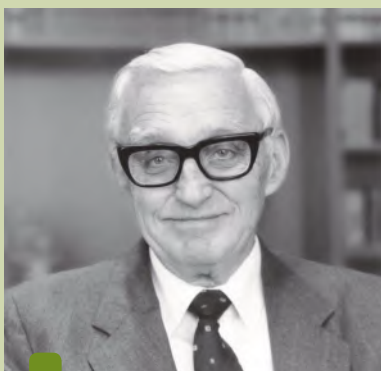
Ent Federal Credit Union, UCCS's financial services partner, has been a Front Range resource since it was chartered in 1957 to serve personnel at the former Ent Air Force Base. Ent gives annually to UCCS programs including athletics and signature scholarships such as Reach Your Peak, the Karen Possehl Women's Endowment, and the Chancellor's Leadership Class.

Doug Tashiro ('72) wants to build a mentorship culture at CU Denver's College of Engineering and Applied Science, where he earned an electrical engineering degree. He established the **Tashiro Engineering Tutor Award** there for seniors or graduate students who tutor underclassmen; he also supports marching band scholarships at CU-Boulder, where he began his CU education and played in the Golden Buffalo Marching Band.



Reach Your Peak scholars with donor Harlan Ochs

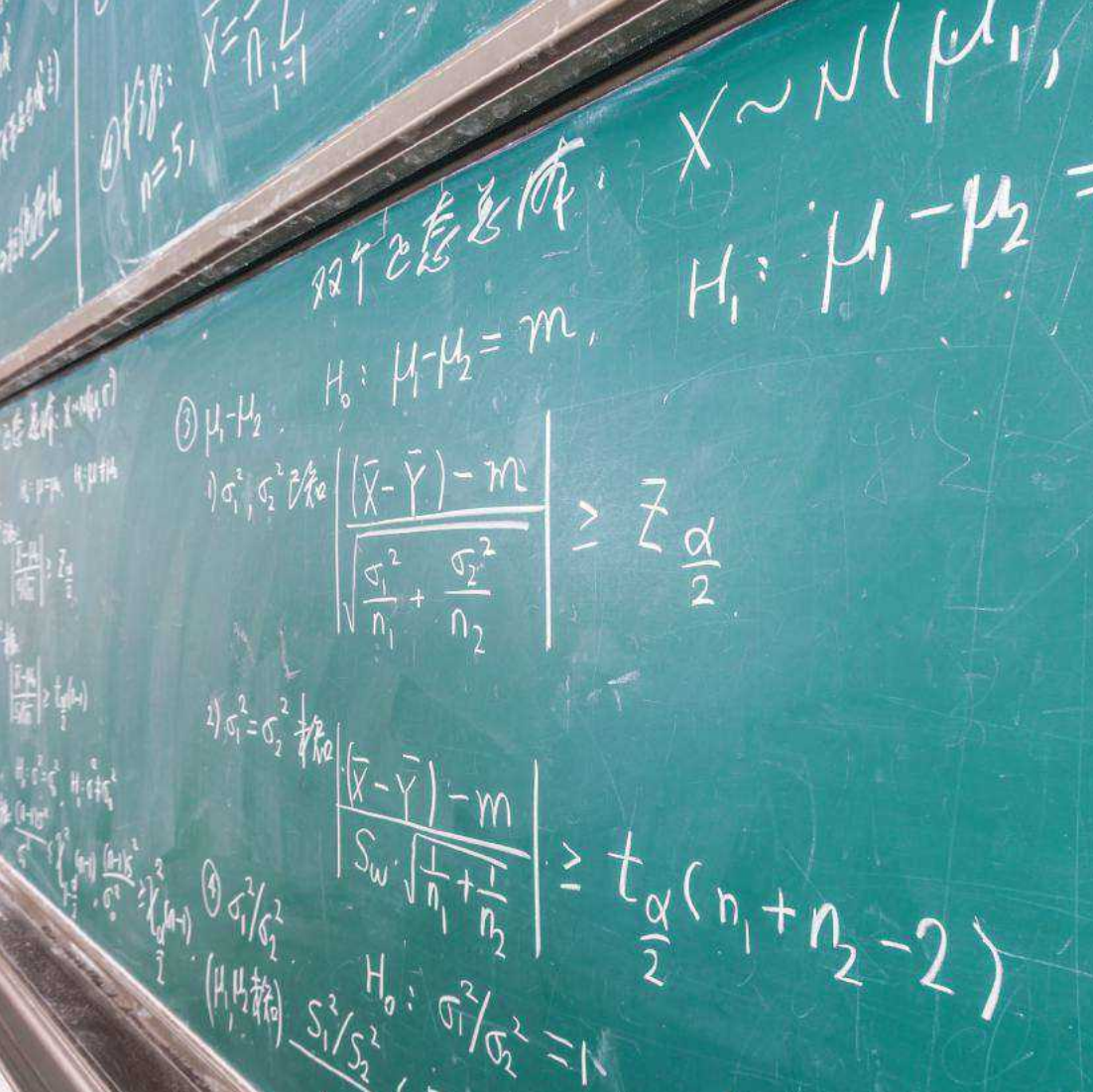
Upon hearing that her former professor Bill Goodwin passed away, CU Denver School of Education and Human Development alumna Pat Thompson ('99) wanted to honor his passing and increase resources for a field very dear to her—early childhood education. This former preschool co-founder has established the school's first **Early Childhood Education Scholarship Fund** to help students pursue careers educating and caring for our youngest.



Clyde O. Martz Jr.

Former CU-Boulder Law Professor Clyde Martz laid the groundwork for an area of law that would define how we use natural resources. He also founded the school's Natural Resources Law Center before joining the Davis Graham & Stubbs law firm. Three years after Martz passed away in 2010, Clyde's long-time partner Brian Dolan donated \$100,000 to start an endowment in Clyde's honor to explore best practices in natural resources management. An ongoing effort will help grow this endowment.

Discovery & Innovation



Victor Bolie

FATHER OF INVENTION

Late New Mexico professor's bequest supports CU molecular biology

VICTOR W. BOLIE was happiest when he was conducting research. An engineer, he reveled in math and would jot down formulas on bits of paper as he worked to make sense of his world.

“Vic was the most inquisitive person I’ve ever met,” says Martin Bradshaw, a professor of electrical engineering and a colleague of Bolie’s for many years at the University of New Mexico. Nothing—not even extra duties as the chair of the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department at UNM—kept Bolie away from his investigations: He set up a lab in his office so he wouldn’t have to stop working on projects.

“He always wanted to be at the forefront of things,” recalls Bradshaw.

Bolie shared his love of investigation with his students, pulling them in to assist him and directing research for more than 30 master’s theses and PhD dissertations. So it is no surprise that he and his wife Earleen, a teacher, decided to make a substantial bequest to an educational institution dedicated to training young, brilliant minds.



THOSE WHO KNEW
BOLIE DESCRIBE HIM
AS REMARKABLE.

inventions ranging from a vertical axis wind turbine to a finger blood pressure measuring device. His awards and publications were numerous.

After his retirement in 1995, “he developed an interest in finding a cure for cancer, and he felt the best chance would be in the field of molecular biology,” says Victor’s nephew, Steve Bolie.

Victor not only returned to UNM as a student for more study and research, but he also began searching for an institution that was performing exemplary work in the field. Bolie apparently learned of the CU School of Medicine’s molecular biology program from an advertising poster with tear-away cards that had been sent to UNM. He eventually contacted CU program administrator Jean Sibley seeking detailed information.

“He asked a lot of questions. Halfway through the conversation, she realized he might be interested in making a contribution,” explains James DeGregori, PhD, professor and director of the Program in Molecular Biology at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus. “He was very excited about us and was interested in what we were doing.”

What is extraordinary, however, is Victor’s choice to donate to the molecular biology program at the University of Colorado School of Medicine, even though the Bolies had no direct ties to the university. It was the program’s outstanding regional reputation that inspired Bolie to contribute more than \$2 million in gifts to the program during the final decade of his life and after his death in 2011.

WIDE BREADTH OF INTERESTS

Those who knew Bolie describe him as “remarkable.” He earned degrees in mathematics, physics, chemistry, medical physiology, and electrical engineering. During his distinguished career in industry and academics, he filed 38 patents for a diverse array of



James DeGregori, PhD, director of the molecular biology program at the CU School of Medicine, in his lab.

A HIGHLY REGARDED PROGRAM

The CU School of Medicine’s molecular biology program was initiated more than 25 years ago with the goal of training graduate students to be experts in molecular mechanisms—the inner workings of the cell. The program usually consists of about 40 students who work in about 50 labs and attend seminars, round-table meetings and other

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Victor Bolie (far left), with students at the University of New Mexico, where he taught and conducted research.

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activities to promote the exchange of ideas.

“The top research coming out of the university is frequently driven by students in our training program. They are publishing in top journals and making seminal contributions to cancer biology and to the understanding of molecular mechanisms of cells,” DeGregori says. “Victor had a real passion for educating students, and even though he was more of an engineer, he was very interested in molecular biology and felt this was where the country

needed to go to maintain our edge.”

In 2001, the year after Earleen died, Victor began making yearly donations to the program. The contributions supported the Victor W. and Earleen Bolie Molecular Biology Travel Scholarship, which allows students to attend conferences, present papers, and meet with other scientists. Funding also established the Victor and Earleen Bolie Molecular Biology lecture, presented annually at CU by a distinguished scientist.

That same year, he bequeathed a portion of his estate—more than \$1.8 million—to establish the Victor W. and Earleen D. Bolie Graduate

Scholarship Fund. The first awards were made in July to three top graduate students—Juliette Petersen, Becky Fusby, and Mike Holliday—and the endowment fund will annually support three or four students in perpetuity.

Holliday studies how different classes of enzymes twist and contort, and he hopes discoveries will lead to more efficient drugs and ways to alter proteins for medical and industrial applications. “It’s very difficult to find funding, and this award frees us up to do more science than we would be able to do otherwise,” he says.

During the past 15 years, funding from the National Institutes of Health has declined, says DeGregori, and private gifts make a difference in the ability to train scientists and support ongoing research. “We are incredibly grateful to Victor and his family for this gift. He was a passionate advocate of training the next generation of molecular biologists.” ■

Did you know?

For the first time on the Anschutz Medical Campus, most of the campus’s Advancement team occupies a common, modern office space, opened in August in Building 500.

Giving with ramifications far from home

In part, CU's increased connection with the world beyond the U.S. parallels the increase in globalization in all walks of life, as well as CU's growing international student population; the university educates about 3,000 international students from more than 100 countries. But it also reflects donors stepping forward to help us build bridges and take advantage of striking opportunities. Here are two ways in which recent donors are bringing CU to the world, and the world to CU.

Bringing CU to the World

The Fall 2013 UCCS Women's Soccer schedule takes the team as far as Durango and Grand Junction. Though there are no games on their Spring 2014 itinerary, it nonetheless will take them more than 10 times that distance, all the way to the U.K.

Thanks to an anonymous donor commitment, the UCCS women's soccer team will travel to the land where the sport has held such outsized influence that King Edward III banned it—in mid-14th century. In the 650 or so years since, monarchs have become more lenient toward "football," which remains an English passion to the point of obsession.

During the weeklong trip, UCCS players will attend two Premier League games and train with Premier club academies, working with professional coaches at the game's highest levels. Off the field, the team will take in important aspects of English history and soccer history.

"Interestingly, for all the interest in soccer in England, women's soccer there is some ways behind where it is in the U.S.," the donor says. "I see a two-way benefit—We have a fantastic group of athletes on the UCCS team, and hopefully they will inspire more women to play soccer overseas."

The donor's pre-trip advice for the UCCS women is more modest: "Look to the right before you cross the road, and don't cheer for the away team!"

Bringing the World to CU

Under the auspices of the Colorado School of Public Health (CSPH), the Center for Global Health has built valuable relationships with universities and clinics in international locations including Peru, Guatemala, Vietnam, and Indonesia that are helping individuals there live longer and better lives. With support from medical innovators such as Celgene Corporation, these relationships will enable health professionals from these developing



The Union Jack might be behind this UCCS Mountain Lion student-athlete, but for 2013-14 team members, it lies ahead.



Lauren Mehner with a mother and child in a new CU-affiliated clinic in Guatemala, one of four countries from which budding investigators will benefit from a new Celgene-supported fellowship program.

countries to undertake advanced fellowships at the Anschutz Medical Campus.

Through these fellowships, which could range from a month to a semester, budding investigators will gain targeted mentoring and hands-on experience unavailable in their home countries. For example, Center for Global Health director Steve Berman says, an investigator might come to gain expertise in bioinformatics (a developing field in which CU has some renown), and bring that training back to inform research on important public health problems in their own countries.

"Celgene really stepped up, they have been terrific," Berman says. "For those who are able to come over and benefit, it will have a great impact." ■

A Cat of a Different Stripe

Quintessential entrepreneur Jake Jabs makes CU Denver's largest gift ever

Milo the Lynx, CU Denver's mascot, is the latest in a long line of animals Jake Jabs has been pictured with.





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PETER MATHEU SHOWED his audience a slide of a camel in the desert with solar panels on its back. Implicit in that slide’s message, Matheu asserted, is an unserved market.

June 18 at the CU Denver Business School’s flagship Business Plan Competition, Matheu presented a business plan for Nanoly, a startup firm that is commercializing a polymer that can eliminate the need for vaccine refrigeration in lands where only camels dare to tread. Like the other finalists vying for a share of \$50,000 in cash and prizes, Matheu’s presentation was confident and well-grounded, as it must be to meet his stated goal of “saving a million lives.” Like the other finalists, Nanoly’s leadership also faced tough questions from three seasoned judges.

“This is a business with a high degree of difficulty—a 10 on a 1-10 scale. But from reading the slides, I know nothing about the management team,” said judge Stephanie McCoy, who also recommended Nanoly get its high-

profile advisers to personally invest in the company. Another judge, Kim Bixel, queried about patent protection and intellectual property as it relates to the university environment.

In some ways, the scene resembled *Shark Tank*—the reality TV show that stress-tests budding entrepreneurs. But the tough questions were interspersed with even more nurturing, encouraging comments.

Nanoly and the other five startups at that Business Plan competition seem headed for big things. The same can be said of the competition’s host entity—the Jake Jabs Center for Entrepreneurship—thanks to a \$10 million gift from Denver entrepreneur Jake Jabs.

Jake Jabs named his autobiography *An American Tiger*, in a reference to frequent advertisements that have featured Jabs with animals such as this Siberian tiger.



Gift to foster connections

With this gift (CU Denver’s largest ever), the center will expand its business plan competition, construct a named marquee space in the new Business School building, and fund new endowments for a professorship, faculty research, and programming and operations.



Entrepreneur Nikki Gabriel (left) was one of six presenters at a June Business Plan competition, due for significant expansion thanks to Jake Jabs’ gift.

In sum, Jabs’ gift will foster connections between entrepreneurs and students region-wide, and bolster the center’s stature as it becomes one of the premier U.S. entrepreneurship centers.

It’s the second time Jake Jabs has changed Colorado’s entrepreneurship landscape.

Born one of nine children in rural Montana—“Our toys were bones from dead animals and our currency was pop-bottle caps,” he reports in his autobiography—Jabs founded American Furniture Warehouse in 1975. In the 38 years since, Jabs has become a Colorado icon, featured in advertisements and memorialized on the animated Comedy Central show *South Park*. But his high profile does not equate to a flashy demeanor. He wears casual attire, drives a seven-year-old car, and claims to never have been inside a limousine. “I hate limos,” Jabs says. “I’m too big to get in ’em.”

Jabs, who also made a gift toward entrepreneurship at his Montana State University alma mater, feels strongly about supporting higher education as a way for America to keep up against global competition. But Jabs adds, “What motivated me to get involved with CU Denver was [center director] Madhavan Parthasarathy. We think a lot alike. We both come from humble beginnings, very poor. We’re used to living below our means, and giving back to the community. We have quite a bit in common, in terms of our philosophy of life. I think philosophy of life and entrepreneurship are related.”

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Jake Jabs's respect for center director Madhavan Parthasarathy (above center, checking out an entrepreneur's new product) was a catalyst for this gift.

Jabs's efforts have helped take Denver 'from the middle of nowhere to the center of everywhere.'

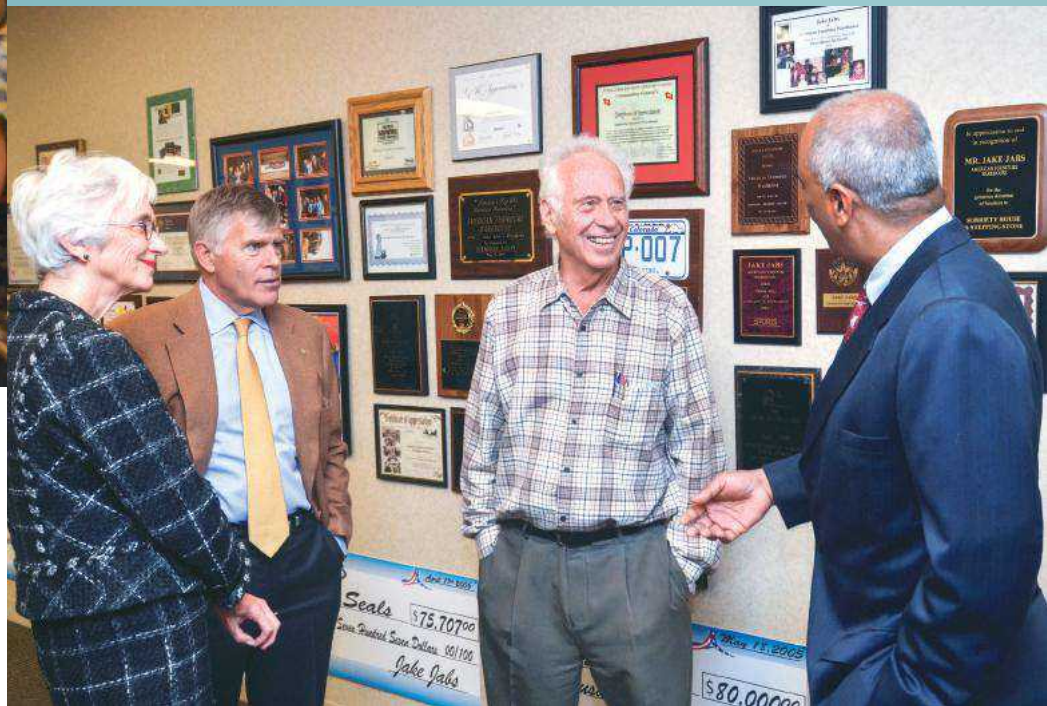
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Business plan competition to expand

Parthasarathy has been an associate marketing professor at the CU Denver Business School since the center's 1996 inception as the Bard Center for Entrepreneurship. "[Jabs and I] spent seven years building up a relationship; it's been so great to have him come and speak at the center," he says.

Though Jabs' gift will strengthen all facets of the center, Parthasarathy's first priority for expansion will be the Business Plan Competition. Until now it has been largely oriented toward CU Denver business students, but will expand going forward to encompass universities throughout and beyond the Front Range, and to students beyond the business school in majors and fields as diverse as engineering and music.

In the Business Plan Competition's 12 years, winners have ranged from prosthetic-foot manufacturers to carbon-fiber guitar makers to high-end nut roasters. The center has



From left: Business School Dean Sueann Ambron, CU Denver Chancellor Donald Elliman, Jake Jabs, and Madhavan Parthasarathy

incubated successful startups such as digital agency Elevated Third and solar lightbulb maker Nokero. Yet the center's core is its course offerings, which explore social, legal, financial, marketing and other broadly relevant aspects of business innovation.

Jabs' own entrepreneurial spirit and intense work ethic has enabled American Furniture Warehouse to become a major retail player, with 12 Colorado stores and \$350 million in annual sales. Still, American Furniture Warehouse's profile is much like that



of Jabs—scrappy and approachable—even as Jabs' efforts have helped take Denver, as Business School Dean Sueann Ambron puts it, "from the middle of nowhere to the center of everywhere."

Another enterprise on the leading edge of that may be AppIt Ventures, winner of the 2012 CU Denver Business Plan competition. A fledgling concept before the competition, AppIt now has six employees, two overseas development teams, and solid revenue.

Co-founder Rob Carpenter saluted the quality of his CU Denver entrepreneurship experience, and the industry interactions the center helped foster. "The competition took us from being an 'interesting business idea,'" Carpenter says, "to being a company." ■

In the 1950s, Jake Jabs collateralized the purchase of his ownership stake in Montana Music (left) with 30 head of cattle and three horses.

Young alums light the road ahead

Steve Golter ('12) and Brandon O'Leary ('07) are two young donors using their early professional success to help students at CU. Their donations support scholarships and courses that light the path for other students to do and experience great things, and ultimately fuel their career success—which reflects well on all CU alumni.

'CU Denver was that light switch'

At age 32—within months of completing his CU Denver Business School degree—Steve Golter donated \$10,000 to the school for Information Systems scholarships. Four Information Systems students will each receive \$500 this year, with a similar number of scholarships distributed over the next five years. Golter's firm, Scendent, provides internet services, marketing, and security for Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek casinos—building on his experience managing IT full-time for Bullwhackers Casino while earning his degree.



Steve Golter ('12) holds crampons and an ice ax that he uses to climb fourteeners and snowboard in the backcountry.

He found the problem-solving modules and time-management lessons he learned at the Business School to be most useful.

"Before I went to University of Colorado Denver I was going through a dark room and CU Denver was that light switch," he says. "They taught me the standard things you do to conduct business."

Golter is on the advisory council for the school's Center for Information Technology Innovation, which plans to establish a networking lab to keep up with new trends in technology.

Although he has grown from working at his father's technology company to managing his own, Golter has bigger plans—he wants to extend Scendent's reach into gambling hotspots in Macao, Singapore, and Brazil.

"I do gamble, but I don't gamble in a casino. I gamble in business," he says.

'Shining a good light on CU'

Just 28 years old, CU-Boulder alumnus Brandon O'Leary, gave \$10,000 to the Leeds School of Business to support an elite investment banking seminar that was at risk of getting cut. Such small, accelerated-learning seminars give students real-world opportunities in experiential learning.

"I decided to donate to the program because it helped me, and the program produces students that are well-prepared for Wall Street trading and



Brandon O'Leary ('07) works at Unicom Capital offices in downtown Denver.

investment banking—since they perform well at their jobs, it shines a good light on CU," say O'Leary, now an equity trader.

Many students who take the seminar go on an annual Wall Street Trek, where they meet alumni and potential employers in New York City. These experiences help students compete with graduates of Ivy League schools and get rewarding jobs in financial services where they refine skills such as monitoring global markets, reviewing trading strategies, and managing financial assets.

"Once you place some business graduates that do well at banks, it's an open door," says O'Leary. "If they are looked upon in a good light at their jobs, then other graduates get recruited through the investment banking seminar." ■

PHOTOS FROM EVENTS AROUND CU



Phillips 66 CEO Greg Garland visited CU-Boulder April 23 to meet with students and present the final installment of the firm's \$3.5 million commitment to the Jennie Smoly Caruthers Biotechnology Building. *From left: Chantal Veevaete, Lorenzo Herrera, Alyssa Faustino, Greg Garland*



Members of the **Bolanos family** visited the Anschutz Medical Campus July 13 to meet with university leaders and receive updates on a new CU-staffed health clinic in Guatemala being built thanks to the family's \$1 million donation to CU's Center for Global Health. *From left: John Harney, Fernando Bolanos, Teresa Bolanos, Inez Bolanos, Gustavo Bolanos*

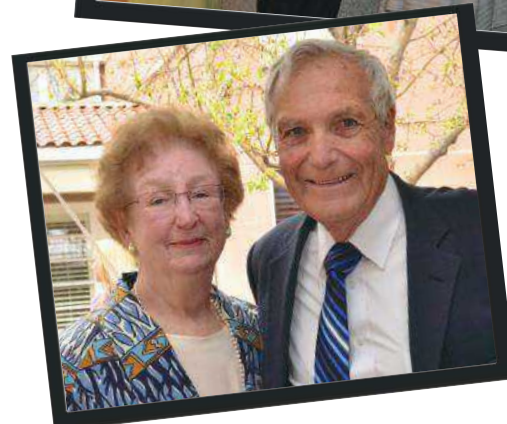


More than 1,700 faculty and staff donated to CU last year, and springtime brings opportunities for these donors on each campus to convene and be recognized for their generosity to the university.

At the April 19 CU Denver luncheon (above left): *Maureen Ediger, Lori and Steve Eslary, and Pam Laird*

At the May 13 CU Anschutz event (above right): *Catherine Jarvis, Marguerite Childs Detmer, Susan Hagedorn, Frederick Grover*

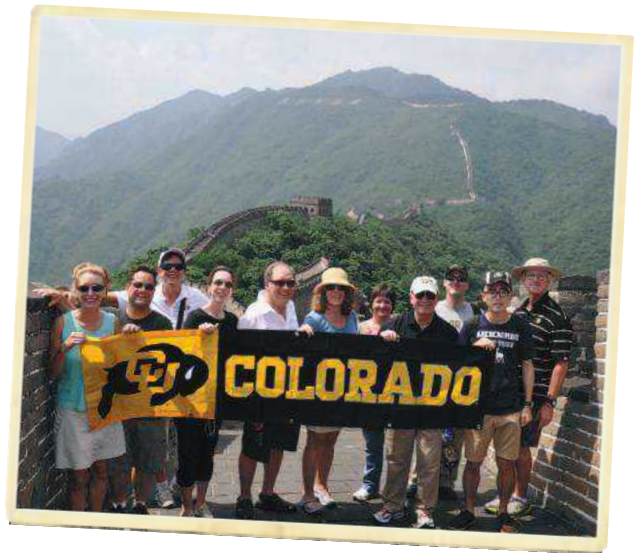
At the May 15 CU-Boulder event (right): *Gay and Frank Barnes*





UCCS's annual **Karen Possehl Women's Endowment luncheon**, held May 22, attracted 470 attendees and honored Margot Lane, namesake for the impending Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences, as the 2013 Unstoppable Woman of the Year.

Pictured: Margot Lane



This summer, CU-Boulder leaders such as Chancellor Philip DiStefano (*fourth from right, above*) traveled to China to meet with prospective and current students, as well as alumni chapters in Shanghai, Beijing, and Hong Kong. More than one-fourth of CU-Boulder's 1,600 international students are from China.



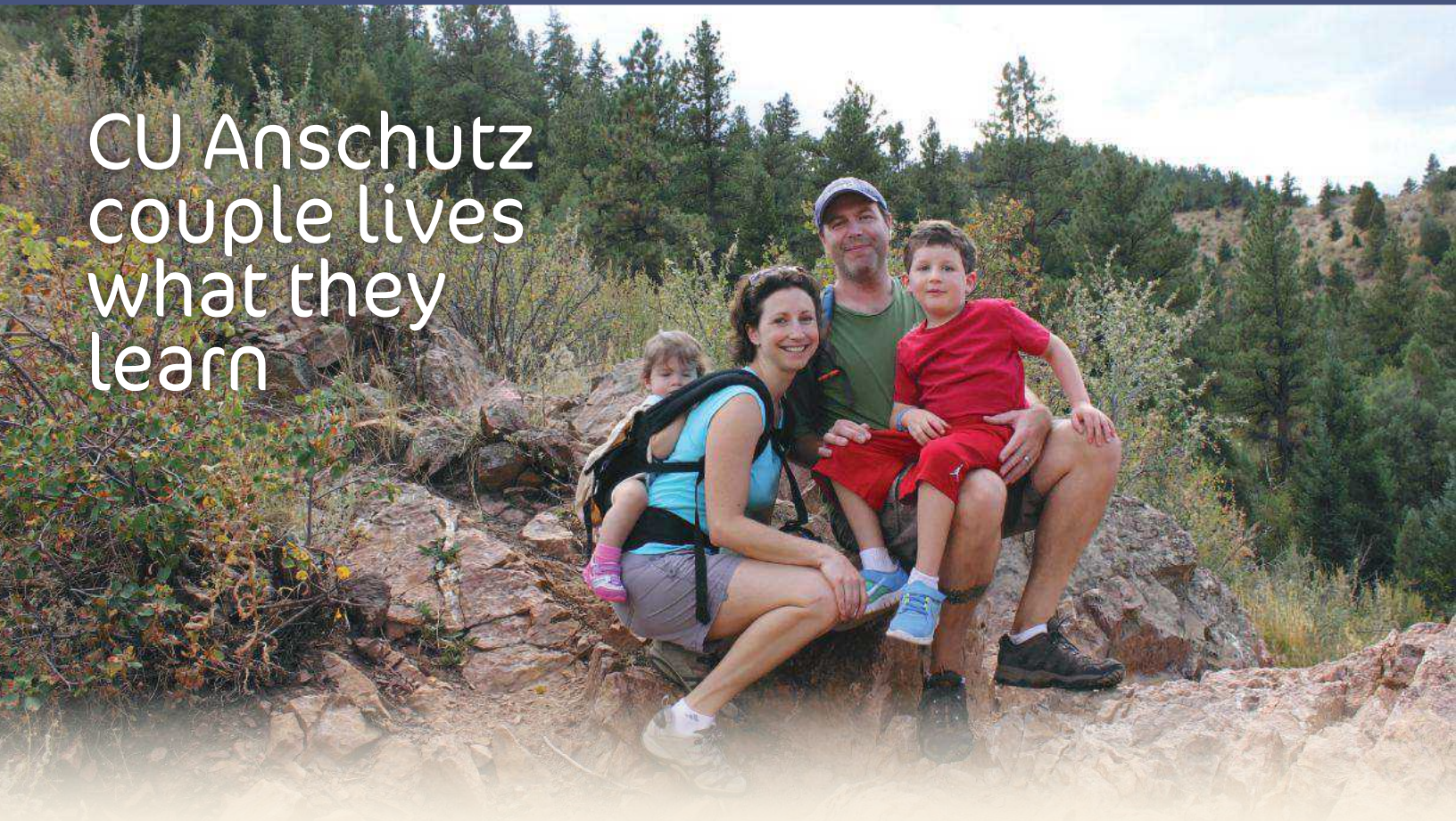
The July 10 **Chancellor's Summer Gathering of Friends at UCCS** drew 150 guests including Colorado Springs Mayor Steve Bach (who praised the university for its response to the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest fires) and music from the Flying W Wranglers, whose ranch burned last summer. *Above left: Jerry Rutledge, John Herzog, Marcy and Bruce Benson, Randy Cubero, and Steve Schuck*
Left: The Flying W Wranglers

The **J.P. Morgan Center for Commodities at the CU Denver Business School** hosted a June 25 forum and dinner (in connection with the Global Cities Initiative) that drew former Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, and other business and civic leaders.

From left: Richard M. Daley, George Solich



CU Anschutz couple lives what they learn



Meagan Gold ('13) and Jacob Gump ('97) on the trail with their two children, the oldest of whom was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor.

During her first year at the CU School of Medicine, Meagan Gold ('13) thought she might become a pediatrician. Just before Christmas at Children's Hospital Colorado, amid her initial clinical work, she saw a baby suddenly stiffen in his mother's arms and start shaking with a violent seizure.

"His mother calmly held her son and said to him, 'You're okay, look at me, come back to me, you're going to be okay,'" she says. "It made such an impression on me."

Five days later, Gold found herself holding her own 2-year-old son, Eli, in an East Coast hospital. Suddenly, Eli's eyes rolled back, and he shook violently for 90 minutes. These 90 minutes changed Eli's mother's career, his father's goals, and his own future.

Gold and her husband, Jacob Gump ('97), had known since Eli had been 6 months old that something was not quite right with him. But it remained a mystery until Eli underwent a CAT scan post-seizure. The neuro-oncologist told Gump, "I know why your son has been sick for so long. Your son has a brain tumor."

Hearing those words, Gump remembers thinking, "I am going to die, right here, right now." A post-doctoral fellow in CU's Department of Pharmacology, Gump has researched glioblastoma, a tumor that in adults is 95 percent fatal within five years.

Eli was instead diagnosed with a craniopharyngioma, a benign but rare tumor; Gump had never heard of it. Eli's tumor was so large it blocked the flow

of cerebrospinal fluid, causing severe pressure on his brain. He was rushed into surgery, and the neurosurgeon drilled through the cranium to relieve the pressure. Afterward, his parents sought out the best treatment for their son's tumor, consulting with CU colleagues and others including a top pediatric neurosurgeon who said, "If you don't choose me, there is only one other person in the country I would recommend."

That one person was Michael Handler, CU School of Medicine professor and director of pediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital Colorado.

Eli's parents brought him home to Colorado. Despite prompt and comprehensive treatment, the tumor kept growing. Soon his parents had

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Meagan Gold ('13), who received an Adler Scholarship for her efforts creating a peer-mentoring program

to choose between two bad options: aggressive surgery to remove the tumor (risking hypothalamus injury and subsequent metabolic problems) or less-aggressive surgery followed by radiation (which destroys brain cells).

They chose the aggressive approach, leading to some hypothalamus damage but still he needed radiation. "It became clear to us that a benign tumor is not a benign illness," says Gump.

Gump was struck by the dearth of information on effective treatments for this understudied, rare tumor. "They were treating Eli's tumor the same way they would have 30 years ago," he says. After scouring an array of literature, Gump soon realized Eli faced major problems ahead.

Unbeknownst to Gump and Gold,

Foreman had begun research on the genetics of Eli's tumor. "One day, Nick told me what he had been doing," Gump says. "He asked if I wanted to work with him on it. I said, 'Yes.'" He would research his son's illness.

Seed research funding came from the Morgan Adams Foundation, which supports critical pediatric cancer research that might otherwise go unfunded. With foundation support, Eli's tumor became the first craniopharyngioma to be "gene-microchipped," thereby helping define the tumor's genetic fingerprint.

Today, Gump and colleagues are analyzing 40 craniopharyngioma tumor samples and researching how existing drugs might undermine the tumor cells as they grow and duplicate. Some days, he studies Eli's cells. "It's cool when I analyze data with his tumor," says Gump. "I can make a difference in our understanding and, we hope, treatment of craniopharyngioma. I cannot help my son, but I can help other kids."

Promising results keep Gump going. "We have found four drugs are already being used as treatments for other cancers that, we think, could be used to block cell growth in this tumor," says Gump. "Our goal is to start clinical trials with these drugs."

Eli, now 6, undergoes therapy for gross motor disabilities and has trouble reading social cues, inhibiting his ability to play with others. Yet despite these and other challenges, this smart boy loves dancing, singing, playing piano, creating art, and playing with Noa, his 18-month-old sister.

Gold graduated



Eli Gump, 6, loves dancing, singing, playing piano, creating art, and playing with his sister.

from medical school in May and has received an Adler Scholarship for her work creating Parent Allies for Love and Support, a peer-mentoring program for parents of children battling cancer. The Adler Foundation scholarship supports education-based projects that give back to the community, and help alleviate recipients' medical-school debt.

"I am able to offer a compassionate perspective to these families," Gold says. "I know how devastating it is to have a diagnosis that changes all the dreams you have for your child."

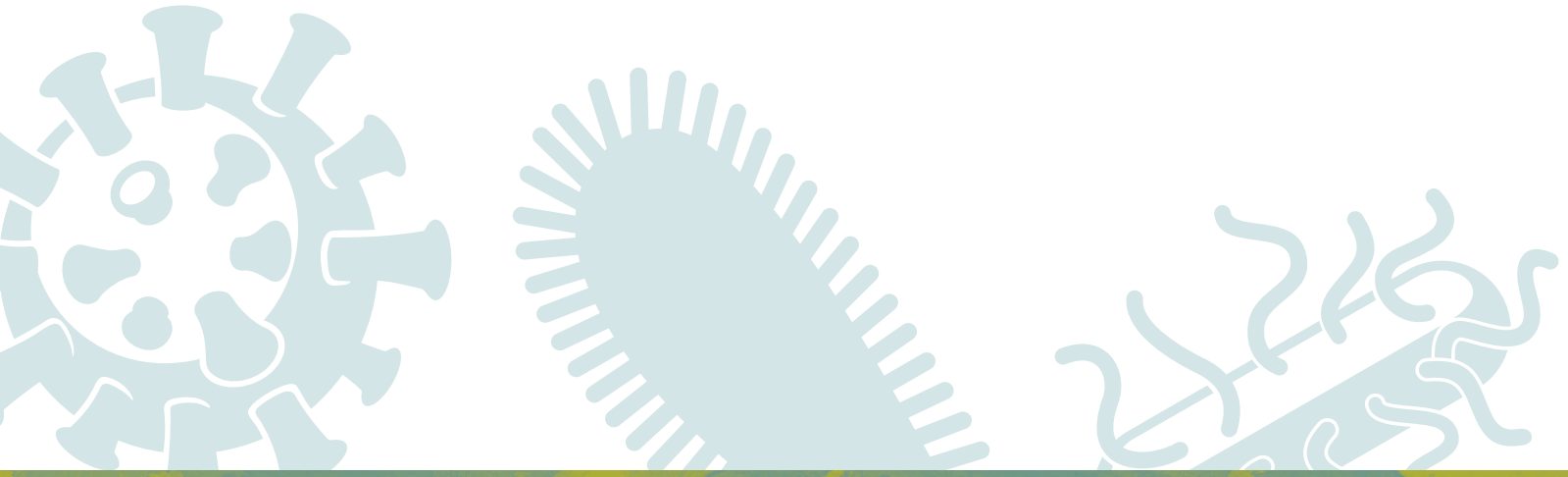
Her pediatrician ambitions ended when Eli was diagnosed; she is now pursuing an anesthesia residency. "I have a patient at home every day," she said. "That's my pediatrics."

Gump presented his research findings on craniopharyngioma at a summer conference, and is working on a multi-institutional research program to look at long-term outcomes for craniopharyngioma survivors. He lives with a daily reminder that his research is worth pursuing for children like his son. "I know I can make it better," he says. ■

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A scan of Eli Gump's brain, showing the craniopharyngioma.



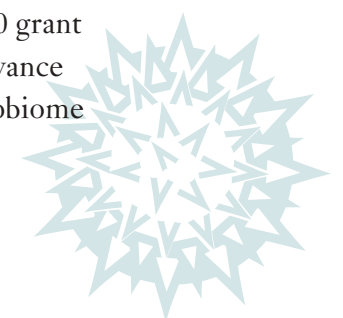
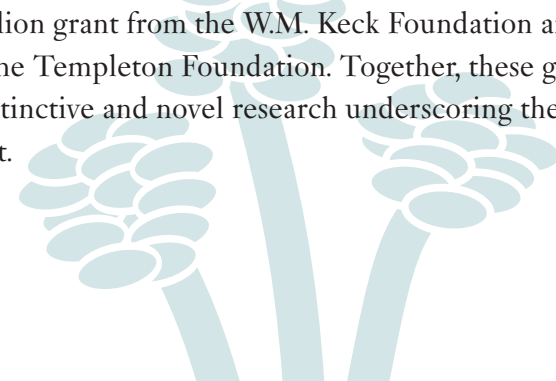
What can microbes teach us?

WITH TWO MAJOR FOUNDATION GRANTS, CU-BOULDER PROF IS ON THE CASE

MICROBES ARE HOT in certain circles these days. Just ask your cheese-making or beer-brewing neighbors, each of whom rely on and manipulate microbial processes to generate their desired edible or quaffable.

The ramifications of microbes extend much further than artisan food and drink. And though they are the most abundant species on Earth and play vital roles in all ecosystems, most remain uncharacterized. A deep study of microbial taxonomy and geography can help us better understand—and sustainably adapt to—a broad array of processes essential to human and animal habitats as well as fundamental ecological principles and processes.

CU-Boulder is a lead player in an unprecedented worldwide effort to characterize and catalog microbes, known as the Earth Microbiome Project. Early this year, the university was awarded two major grants, a \$1 million grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation and a \$950,000 grant from the Templeton Foundation. Together, these grants will advance the distinctive and novel research underscoring the Earth Microbiome Project.



Project marshals diverse CU expertise

CU BioFrontiers faculty member Rob Knight, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, was principal investigator on these two grants, and numerous other CU-Boulder personnel are making fundamental contributions to this project. For example, Assistant Professor Valerie McKenzie of ecology & evolutionary biology has played a lead role that has led to the securing of the Templeton Foundation grant, and contributes key animal microbiome expertise.

These CU contributors span varied disciplines. Manuel Lladser in applied math and Aaron Clauset of computer science contribute advanced statistical modeling techniques and network science. Robin Dowell of molecular, cellular, & developmental biology contributes expertise in sequence assembly. Ryan Gill of chemical & biological engineering contributes expertise in functional annotation. And students, especially those receiving training through the Interdisciplinary Quantitative Biology (IQBio) program, play a key role advancing the Earth Microbiome Project.

Much of this work builds on the findings and groundwork of CU-Boulder biology professor Norman Pace, one of eight CU faculty members to have won a MacArthur Fellowship.

Knight is widely recognized as a leader in the burgeoning world of microbial research. The New Zealand native publishes peer-reviewed



Rob Knight (above left) is widely recognized as a leader in the burgeoning field of microbial research.

journal articles at a dizzying pace and combines emerging knowledge in microbiology with significant advances in super-computing. In May, Knight was a primary subject for a *New York Times* magazine cover story, “Some of My Best Friends Are Germs.”

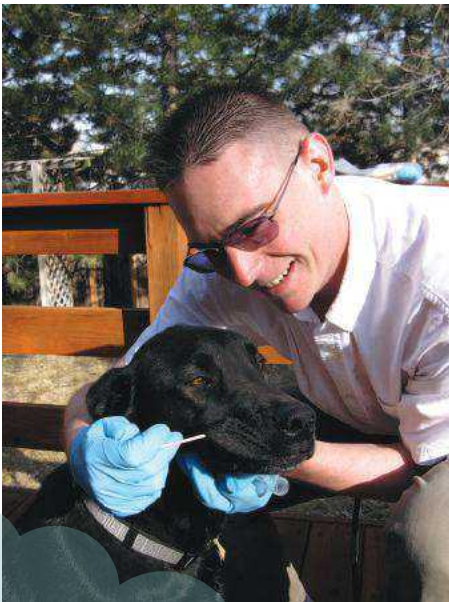
He has even made a splash in popular culture. In 2010, the television program *CSI: Miami* depicted a technique Knight assisted in developing (with CU-Boulder Professor Noah Fierer) to match bacterial keyboard fingerprints with people who left the telltale microbes behind.

Tiny microbes can help answer big questions

The roughly 100 trillion microbes in the human body substantially exceed the number of cells in that same body. Yet while microbes are small, they play a big role in a wide variety of processes, including carbon cycling, nutrient cycling, climate change, water purification, agricultural productivity, and animal and plant health.

“What we don’t know is how they all work together, how they’re distributed,” Knight says. The Earth Microbiome Project may lead to insights related to each of these questions.

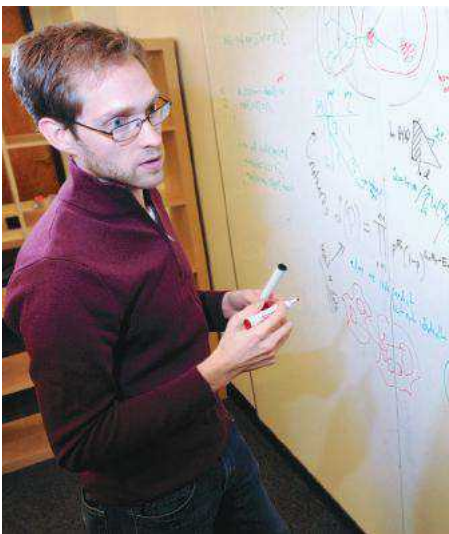
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Even the family dog is part of the Earth Microbiome Project: above, Rob Knight takes canine bacterial samples. Humans who share their homes with dogs also tend to share similar bacteria on their skin, according to Knight's research.

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For example: How does land-use policy change how microbes look in the longer term? How do microbes change the productivity and biodiversity of plants? How can microbes be better harnessed for water



Assistant Professor Aaron Clauset has contributed expertise in network science and statistical modeling techniques to the Earth Microbiome Project effort.

purification purposes? Perhaps, Knight suggests, microbes we now think of as pathogens could have previously unrecognized positive benefits.

The feasibility of this research has dramatically improved in recent years, thanks to DNA-sequencing-technology advances that sharply increase productivity and reduce sequencing cost. CU-Boulder's new Jennie Smoly Caruthers Biotechnology Building was designed in part to facilitate state-of-the-art technology (such as these sequencing capabilities) not previously available or optimized at CU-Boulder.

A truly global collaboration

The structure of this highly dispersed project is itself distinctive.

First, Knight and his colleagues seek to characterize, spatially and temporally, tens of thousands of microbial communities. Online social networks have helped to organize sample collection and coalesce project communications and activities amongst hundreds of collaborators at 125 different labs, whose combined expertise spans ecology, mathematics, molecular biology, computer science, engineering, and other fields. (Knight is no stranger to novel uses of social networks, having using a grass-roots crowdfunding mechanism to raise \$340,000 for an open-source research study into the effects of diet on gut bacteria.)

Next, Knight's group aims to develop new methods for higher-throughput sample handling, DNA extraction, and library construction, including illuminating often-neglected taxa such as microbial eukaryotes and viruses, for deeper insight into community dynamics.

The researchers then aim to develop computational strategies that solve major hurdles to effectively analyzing such vast data sets, including predictive modeling, network analysis, and multi-scale data integration.

"We will thus enable a broad range of research in microbial ecology, provide novel platforms for testing ecological theories, and improve public understanding of the importance of microbial life," Knight says.



Assistant Professor Robin Dowell has contributed expertise in sequencing assembly to the Earth Microbiome Project effort.

Knight says research of the experimental, high-impact nature funded by the Keck and Templeton foundations is not typically supported by more traditional federal funding agencies such as the National Science Foundation. "They're particularly excited about funding projects that other agencies might not fund because they're too risky or too innovative or too far beyond the scope of typical science research," he says.

Even this new study, however, will only scratch the surface of microbial diversity, Knight says. "We will be able to build a framework describing how microbial communities are assembled and change," he says. "But there is so much more than could be done to integrate new systems into that framework."

To support the Earth Microbiome Project, contact 303-735-0973. ■

CU-Boulder parent giving sets new standard

A group of CU-Boulder parents gathered at a private home in the San Francisco Bay Area last summer to connect with one another and hear Lisa Severy, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs and director of career services, speak about the value of a CU degree and the efforts of the Career Services office.

Both that event's success and the Career Services office itself owe a debt to the efforts and generosity of CU-Boulder parents. Thanks to regional parent events and increased parent recognition of the importance and diversity of CU-Boulder student services, parent contributions to CU-Boulder increased 43 percent last year from \$935,000 to \$1.3 million, shattering the prior fiscal-year record for parent giving.

The Parent Fund's 2,125 donors last year (from all 50 states) made 2,779 gifts that supported crucial initiatives including a 24-hour counseling hotline, CU Night Ride, Oasis substance-free programming and the building that houses many of these services, the Center for Community. They have enabled Counseling and Psychological Services to hire an additional peer educator, provided additional career development through the StrengthsQuest program, and helped student veterans adapt to the college environment—in all, allowing these and other student programs to expand and have greater impact on student success.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Deb Coffin and her team spend much of the year traveling around the U.S. to connect with parents, provide university updates, and inform them of the Parent Fund's impact. CU-Boulder parents have organized over a dozen private dinners and numerous receptions to engage other CU-Boulder parents, inspiring many of



Parent Leadership Society Board Chair Becky Figueroa attends a Parent Fund reception with her son last spring.

them to make contributions to the Parent Fund.

Parents who give \$2,500 or more a year gain membership to the Parent Leadership Society (PLS), a CU-Boulder parent network that is investing in CU in extraordinary ways; PLS gifts comprised 75 percent of all parent fund contributions this past year. These parents receive benefits including an invitation to Family Weekend PLS events, access to campus leadership, and opportunities to attend CU-Boulder regional events.

"There are two primary aspects to college," Coffin says. "Students get exposed to incredible knowledge and learning—the academics are powerful. Also, students get to grow from adolescents to adults, develop their sense of community, and their place in that community—that's where student services come in. Parents want to help their kids with that growth."

More recently, Parent Fund gifts made

it possible to open a new Collegiate Recovery Center this coming fall, which will provide a community and resources for students recovering from substance abuse. "Donations from the Parent Fund will support the renovation of the space in the University Memorial Center, which is very important because we want the Recovery Center to be located where students are. We want them to get support from other students in recovery, but we want them to interact with the wider world too," says Don Misch, senior assistant vice chancellor for health and wellness.

Coffin's message to parents is consistent—your contributions make CU-Boulder students successful. "With this increased parent support, we're going to be able to sustain more programs and help more students get involved," she says. "We have hundreds of programs, and the little ones are just as important as the bigger ones." ■



Tragedy leads to empowerment

Marianne and Les Franklin, whose efforts with the Shaka Franklin Foundation they founded will have continued impact at CU Denver.

Les Franklin recounted hearing a young woman describe how her brother had raped her as a teenager. When she talked with her mother about it, she was told, "You're just lucky he loves you so much."

These are the kinds of children that Les and his wife, Marianne, have helped for years—adolescents from turbulent backgrounds, deprived of self-esteem, desperately seeking love and purpose. Not all are poor: some grow up in "houses so big, you can't find yourself in them," Les says.

Some call them at-risk kids. Exactly how "at-risk" they are may not be recognized until it's too late. "They keep

it inside themselves until they explode," Les says. "That's what happened to my own son."

Les's son Shaka committed suicide in 1990, turning Les's world upside down. A week later, family friend and CU Buffs running back Eric Bienemy scored a touchdown against Nebraska and said, "That one was for Shaka."

The tragedy compelled Les and Marianne Franklin to start the Shaka Franklin Foundation for Youth, which for more than two decades has been a Denver hub of teen suicide prevention. The subsequent suicide of another of Les's sons, Jamon, was a crippling blow, yet Les and Marianne soldiered on,

connecting with kids at prisons, schools, and ice rinks (where Les still coaches and plays hockey, even at age 74) to mitigate the possibility of a similar blow for thousands of Front Range families.

Now, the Franklins plan to establish a long-term legacy for their foundation's mission—"Save Our Children, Love Our Children." The University of Colorado Denver is where they will establish it. In May they made a seven-figure commitment to establish three Shaka Franklin Foundation for Youth scholarships for students pursuing business or education degrees at CU Denver.

‘They gave me a safe environment, as opposed to my other option, which was to run away and live on the streets.’

Anonymous recipient of the Franklins’ generosity

The scholarship program is aimed toward Denver-area students who might fall through the cracks of traditional awards—students with middling grades who could not otherwise afford tuition, and who will mentor adolescents in similar circumstances. The program will go beyond solely scholarships to establish a broader support structure to include guest speakers, opportunity breakfasts, precollegiate workshops, and more at CU Denver.

Scholarships are CU Denver’s most important fundraising priority. “It’s absolutely incumbent upon us to provide access to continuing education for kids who just won’t have that access any other way,” Chancellor Donald Elliman says. “This gift is a ‘bell cow’ for us in an area we need to dramatically increase.”

Les and Marianne (a CU Foundation trustee who has led volunteer efforts for the Depression Center on the Anschutz Medical Campus) feel increased urgency to maximize their philanthropic impact as they grow older. “I’ve never seen anybody pull up to a cemetery and start pouring money into the ground with them,” Les says.

The Franklins’ generosity goes beyond money. Ask the woman who first saw



The bronzed athletic shoes of Les Franklin’s son Shaka, who committed suicide in 1990.

Les on television, on a 1990s talk show. She had been living in an unhealthy situation, so she reached out to Les and Marianne in desperation. She wound up living with them for 18 months. “They gave me a safe environment, as opposed to my other option, which was to run away and live on the streets,” said the woman, who requested anonymity due to the confidential nature of her work. “If I did not have the opportunities they had given me, I would not have had the

career I’ve had.”

The Franklins chose to support students pursuing education degrees because they believe developing future teachers is critical. Though their support for students pursuing business degrees reflects Les’s own business career as an IBM executive, this motivation runs far deeper. “We managed our foundation like a business,” Les says. “It is a business: the business of saving lives.” ■



Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Raul Cardenas, Marianne and Les Franklin, and CU Denver Chancellor Donald Elliman at their gift-agreement signing in May.

From trauma to tranquility

\$2 million grant will help UCCS expand veteran mental health care

RETURNING MILITARY men and women need more than welcome-home parades. They need care. That need is particularly critical in the Pikes Peak region, where active duty and veterans comprise 20 percent of the population. Because of base downsizing, war pullbacks, and a growing number of soldiers having been “chaptered out” for minor offenses, the number of military entering civilian life has escalated. Many have come back with traumas—physical, emotional, and mental—at the same time the federal budget sequester and governmental discord is forcing major cuts and disruptions in base services.

Colorado Springs Army veteran Andrew Pogany has spent his post-military career lobbying for more attention and resources for traumatized veterans to “let them know they’re not a disposable commodity.”

With the help of \$2 million from philanthropist Lyda Hill, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs hopes to

develop just that kind of outreach effort. Hill’s grant toward Veteran Health and Trauma initiatives at the university will help open a clinic in the Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences when that building opens in early 2014. The grant will also help UCCS launch the nation’s only Clinical Psychology PhD program with a particular emphasis on veteran health and traumatic stress.

Professor of Psychology Charles Benight, who founded UCCS’s Trauma, Health, & Hazards Center in 2001, will lead the new program and become the first holder of a new Chair of Veteran Health and Trauma, a senior faculty position funded by Hill’s grant.

Under Benight’s leadership, the Trauma, Health, & Hazards Center has forged a collaborative research group, receiving more than \$3.9 million in federal grant awards from the National Science Foundation, Department of Defense, and National Institute of Mental Health, among others.

The new clinic will combine services and cutting-edge research that advances



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'I'm excited to see the strides UCCS is taking to make things better for individuals who have made sacrifices to keep our country strong and safe.'

Lyda Hill, donor



Donor Lyda Hill signs a beam commemorating the construction of the Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences in July.

new approaches to traumatic stress care. This work highlights the capabilities of a university-based center that will incorporate the integrated, evidence-based clinical approach that will characterize the Lane Center, with novel treatment methods that link behavioral, rehabilitative, and physical care. Some of these methods will involve technological innovation; Benight has been funded through the National Institute of Mental Health to develop web-based intervention systems for trauma recovery.

“Because of the uniqueness of the Lane Center and the potential for other innovative programs to come into that, I think we have a unique opportunity to establish the national model for trauma treatment that focuses on empowerment of the individual and family embracing a more holistic, cross-disciplinary team approach,” Benight says. “We could really be *the* place in the country for this.”

Valerie Anderson, the clinical



Charles Benight, professor of psychology at UCCS, founded UCCS's Trauma, Health, & Hazards Center in 2001.

director of the Trauma, Health, & Hazards Center who also specializes in clinic start-ups, appreciates that the clinic will go beyond the traditional medical approach in treating active-duty military, veterans, and their families.

“The medical model operates under the assumption that something is broken and needs to be fixed,” she says. “We’re more interested in empowering the client or patient, building confidence and self-efficacy to manage the recovery process.”

Hill’s gift will extend the reach of those services and help to overcome physical, social, and financial barriers to care.

“When a soldier leaves the military and they end up in treatment—even if they have benefits, they have to pay a \$25 co-pay every time they see us,” Anderson says. “Many can’t afford that. The way we’ve set this up, we can help them a little bit with the co-payments, and they won’t have to drop out of treatment. Those chaptered out, who get no benefits and can’t even go to the VA—we can subsidize treatment for them.”

This is the second major grant to UCCS by Hill, who in 2009 committed more than \$1 million to initiate a program that orients high-tech graduates to teach these subjects in K-12 schools.

“UCCS has always had a strong

connection with the community it serves,” Hill says. “I’m excited to see the strides it is taking to make things better for individuals who have made sacrifices to keep our country strong and safe.”

More donations will extend the clinic’s reach even further, funding services as well as doctoral students who will focus on veteran health and trauma in their clinical work and research.

That work could have a profound effect, not only on the military community but also on the community at large.

“The sheer numbers coming into the community means that our



Andrew Pogany has advocated for greater attention and resources for traumatized veterans.

systems are being overwhelmed,” says Jody Alyn, author of an assessment report for the Peak Military Care Network. “Our mental health systems, police and fire, emergency response systems, education and special education, domestic violence prevention, social services—all our infrastructure and social service systems are impacted by this.”

Pogany, who had been stationed at Fort Carson, has seen this issue from the inside out.

After reporting hallucinations and panic attacks to his superiors in Iraq, Pogany was charged with “cowardly conduct,” a charge later dropped, and after years of research he came to believe his mental problems were caused by an anti-malaria drug. He’s been fighting for the rights of other troubled veterans ever since, and applauds what he’s heard about the Veteran Health and Trauma Clinic.

“This sounds like exactly what’s needed,” Pogany says. “It could be a way to get them back on track and give them a sense of normalcy and belonging, and let them know they’re valued for what they’ve given.” ■

Did you know?

UCCS has broken the 10,000-student barrier, enrolling 10,598 students for the Fall 2013 semester.

Not just a pipe dream—CU pre-college programs reach more students



Pre-Collegiate Development Program students celebrate after a softball game as part of the Summer Olympiad—an event that challenges students' academic and athletic skills.

Juneid Kaifo fits in a pharmacy lab for high school students amid his other classes at Overland High School in Aurora and work at his parents' Shish Kabob Grill restaurant. His family emigrated from Syria, and while Kaifo sees the backbreaking work his mother does in the kitchen, he hopes he can provide a better life for his parents and himself—which he aims to achieve by attending CU Denver after his 2014 high school graduation.

Kaifo participates in the Pre-Collegiate Health Careers Program at the Anschutz Medical Campus, which introduces him to career options in medicine.

The program's collegial atmosphere keeps Kaifo engaged despite his other commitments.

"The Pre-Collegiate program is like a family—at first you're shy, but then you get to know each other," says Kaifo. "Pre-Collegiate students are



Juneid Kaifo

on Twitter talking about their classes, and it makes me more prepared to do it together."

The Health Careers Program is one of four University of Colorado Pre-Collegiate Development Programs that open doors for more than 2,500 6th through 12th-graders every year who strive to be the first in their family to attend college. These students attend Saturday academies, at which they gain exposure to a college environment and receive assistance preparing for college entrance exams, applications, and financial aid.

Each campus also hosts a summer academic intensive at which pre-college students take college-level classes and other intensive courses.

Students who complete the PCDP have a 96 percent college enrollment rate, compared with just 44 percent for nonparticipant peers. But

even with such indicators of success, PCDP staff have to turn away hundreds of applicants each year due to high demand for limited participant spaces and funding. Reaching more students depends in part on attracting more private contributions.

Ashley Verdugo, a participant in CU-Boulder's five-week pre-collegiate summer residential program, asked college representatives at a career fair about their programs after having pulled an all-nighter to study for exams. The first in her family to apply to college, she is already learning about the pressures of life on campus.

"My goal is to take more math classes," says Verdugo, who is enrolled in a pre-collegiate trigonometry class but is also taking classes in fashion design. "Even if I get a 90 percent, I want to get 100 percent. Fashion has to do with a lot of measurements."

PCDP staff would like to broaden the program's reach to more first-generation college students and others throughout Colorado that need it most. Doing so will have a positive long-term impact on our communities. College graduates are able to compete more effectively for jobs in fields such as education, science, and medicine—contributing to Colorado's economy and giving back to society.

"The Pre-Collegiate Development Program is very effective in helping these young adults be successful. They're the ones that will be taking care of me in the nursing home. I hope they're really good at what they do—either the doctor, the nurse, or the social worker," says Mark Hoffman, a 25-year UCCS financial aid staff member and a PCDP donor. ■

\$258.8 million in private support for CU in 2012-13

About 2,500 University of Colorado programs benefited from \$258.8 million in private support from nearly 50,000 individuals, corporations, and foundations in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013—exceeding CU's prior record for private support, set in 2012, by 13 percent.

Roughly half these funds, or \$128.8 million, were donated through the University of Colorado Foundation—a total that also breaks the CU Foundation's record for fundraising. Of that \$128.8 million, \$54.0 million was donated to the Anschutz Medical Campus, \$49.8 million to the Boulder campus, \$15.5 million to the Denver campus (CU Denver's best fundraising year ever), \$7.7 million to the Colorado Springs campus, and \$1.8 million to the CU system.

Approximately \$130 million in private support was given directly to the university and the CU Real Estate Foundation.

In the endowment-management realm: The Long Term Investment Pool (LTIP), which holds the vast majority of CU endowments, saw returns of +12.1% for 2012-13, and ended the year above the \$1 billion threshold (\$1.082 billion) for the first time ever. The value of endowments invested for CU—a subset of the LTIP conventionally known as the "CU Endowment"—is \$879.5 million.

CU restructures its fundraising operations

This past summer, University of Colorado Foundation fundraisers and most support personnel joined the staff of the University of Colorado. This transition occurred as part of a major operational restructuring that will better align fundraisers and university partners, improve accountabilities, and more closely mirror an "advancement" model for fundraising that is operative at many peer universities.

The transition follows the core recommendation of Grenzebach, Glier and Associates, a consulting firm that in 2012-13 undertook a major review of CU advancement operations. The premise is that while CU has experienced solid recent fundraising results, the university is entering an environment in which private support is becoming an increasingly critical source of revenue. This reorganization is deemed to be a key step in helping CU raise money on par with Pac-12 peers such as the University of California Berkeley and the University of Washington (each of which raise more than \$350 million a year) as well as other national public universities.

The University of Colorado Foundation continues to serve as the primary fiduciary agent of gifts (which should continue to be made out to the CU Foundation) and manager of CU's endowments, with a small staff based primarily at 4740 Walnut St. in Boulder.



The points on the above map are just a few of the Colorado communities the University of Colorado programs have forged links with.

CU for Colorado effort launches

August 1 saw the launch of CU for Colorado, an Office of the President initiative that showcases the 200-plus CU programs that serve communities across Colorado, and reinforces CU's service to the state.

These programs include: A game-design computer science outreach program in middle schools as far afield as La Plata County, a project that promotes best practices for Intermountain West oil and gas development, and a CU-staffed Smilemakers mobile dental clinic that serves children in underserved communities.

To browse CU's statewide outreach programs, visit cu.edu. ■



A view from inside the Smilemakers mobile dental clinic, one of CU's many community outreach programs.

Did you know?

Nearly 1,000 donors contributed more than \$140,000 to the CU-Boulder Disaster Recovery Fund following the September floods in Colorado.

CU-Boulder Class of 2013 donors strike a cord

At the close of a college career, CU-Boulder seniors have the opportunity to contribute to a Senior Class Gift. The legacy of CU-Boulder's Class of 2013 will be defined by generosity that they hope will benefit and inspire future students—as well as the ambitious new scholarship they established, the Seniors Creating Future Buffs scholarship.

2013 Senior Class Council members worked with university development staff to educate as many CU-Boulder graduates as possible about the true meaning of philanthropy. The goal of this effort was to change old attitudes about the Senior Class Gift from half-hearted giving towards a deeper tradition of meaningful contribution.

The Seniors Creating Future Buffs scholarship, to which seniors contributed more than \$45,000, promotes a common CU-Boulder experience, support structure, value, and mutual pride to students who have had very individualized college experiences. "Whether or not students chose to study the same major or become involved in the same clubs, I think all alumni can

agree that a diploma from CU means both a quality education and a long list of once-in-a-lifetime experiences," says Sosi Papazian, 2013 senior class council president.

Students who donated out-of-pocket to the Senior Class Gift were awarded a royal blue contribution cord that they wore at Commencement this past May as a public symbol of their commitment.

Historically, most of the funds toward these annual class gifts came from the designation of CU housing deposits toward the gift, funds that CU had held for years. But the Class of 2013's outstanding out-of-pocket participation (the most of any recent senior class, by a wide margin) may inspire future senior classes to make personal contributions toward this important legacy commitment.

In turn, the Class of 2013 hopes to promote future campus leadership and engagement through this scholarship—which will support Pell Grant-eligible students with strong academic track records and leadership potential. "We cannot wait to see how this scholarship will enhance student life and leadership on campus in upcoming years," Papazian says. "In the end, this endowment is an investment that all students should be proud of, because it invests in the future of promising education from their beloved alma mater." ■



Class of 2013 seniors showing off the honorary graduation cord they received as Senior Class Gift donors.

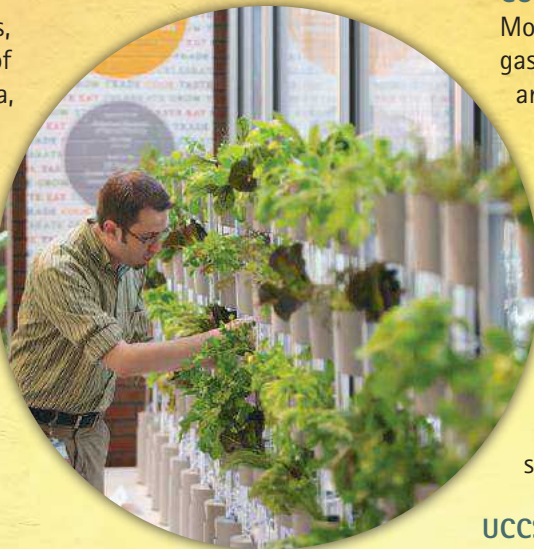
the art of giving

CU gifts with cultural connections



CU-BOULDER

Each raised in Chinese-art-collecting families, **Shirley and Warren King** built a collection of high-quality objects spanning many millennia, including scarce pieces from the Burma/China border. Though Hong Kong residents, the Kings have a long Colorado history, and considered the CU Art Museum a great match for their collection. They donated 238 works including a rare Eastern Han dynasty tomb figure (above); some such works now exhibit in the Small Collections gallery, with a larger King Collection exhibition planned for a future date.



CU DENVER

More Brazilian sugar ends up at the gas pump than at the grocery. This and other startling global food facts, stories, images, and exhibits (including a vertical garden, left) can be found in **Our Global Kitchen: Food, Nature, Culture**, in the CU Denver Business School lobby through Dec. 24. This American Museum of Natural History traveling exhibition is hosted by the J.P. Morgan Center for Commodities thanks to the support of J.P. Morgan.

ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

The year-old **Fulginiti Pavilion for Bioethics and Humanities** gallery has hosted well-received exhibitions and been acclaimed by art critics. Built thanks to \$8.5 million in gifts, the building honors Shirley and Vincent Fulginiti, a former CU health sciences chancellor. A summer exhibit featured CU Denver faculty

member Travis Vermilye, whose work (below left) brings medical illustration to the level of art.



UCCS

Sculptor Ernest Geolfos chiseled this two-ton **mountain lion** (below) from a block mined in Marble, Colo. When UCCS, whose mascot is a mountain lion, sought to acquire this sculpture in 2004, Chandler Bergen stepped forward to donate the "lion's share" of funding needed to purchase it. The mountain lion has since become a campus icon; Chancellor Pamela Shockley-Zalabak even received a Christmas card from a family posed with it. Bergen visits University Center plaza often to see it and remember his late wife, Melitta, in whose memory he made the gift after her 2004 passing. ■



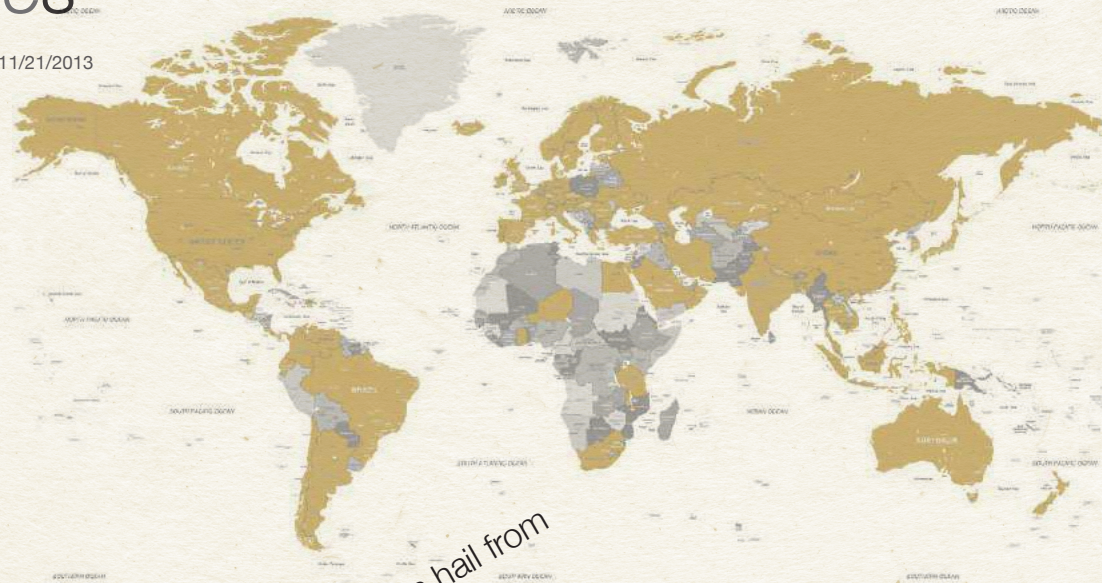
Creating Futures

by the numbers 7/1/2006-11/21/2013

79: Number of countries donors hail from including Vatican City, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Niger.

\$240 million: Amount donated toward endowments

\$31 million: Amount donated to public service and extension programs

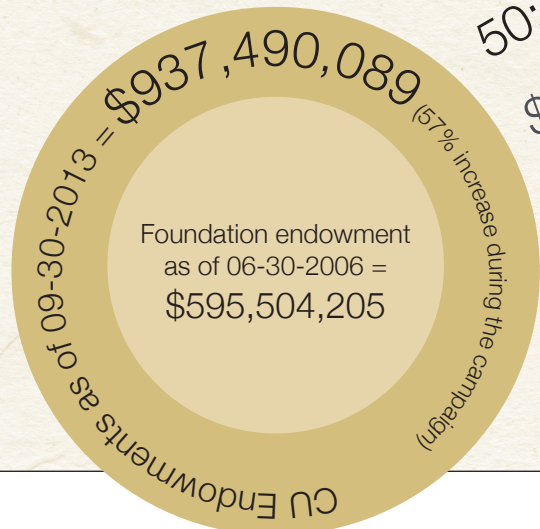


50: Number of states donors hail from

\$101.7 million: Amount donated to financial aid

\$152.6 million: Amount donated by CU alumni

\$35.6 million: Amount donated by CU faculty and staff



2010

January: UCCS opens the Gallogly Events Center and honors \$1 million given in memory of Tommy Gallogly ('70, '73)—seven of whose 10 children graduated from UCCS.

January: The Daniels Fund commits \$250,000 to a UCCS business-ethics initiative, one facet of more than \$3 million in support to CU since 2006, including for veterans scholarships.

March: Maria and Don Johnson add to their major estate intention to be split between CU-Boulder's College of Music and CU Denver's College of Architecture and Planning.



commitment to CU Denver's Center on Domestic Violence.

May: Research to help prevent domestic violence gets a boost with a \$750,000 Seedworks Foundation

October: The Caitlin Epple and Kyle Metcalf Memorial Scholarship, started by CU-Boulder student Larkin Poynton to honor high school friends killed in an accident, meets its \$25,000 goal.

February: Students and faculty begin using a London residence as a base for diverse academic work, thanks to \$3 million in estate gifts by former CU faculty members Hazel Barnes and Doris Schwalbe.

2011



April: CU President Bruce Benson publicly introduces *Creating Futures*, and typically tieless Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper agrees to "tie one on" for CU.

Because of you...



"...I've become the person I am today: completing my undergraduate and master's degrees in four years would not otherwise have been an option."

JACKIE MCFARLAND ('08), FORMER BUFFS BASKETBALL STAR

"...the better we'll all be. Thank you for making us leaders in our communities."

MARCO DORADO, PUKSTA SCHOLAR



"...you will find MDs and PhDs, physicians and scientists, working elbow-to-elbow at the same bench—the kind of unique collaboration that makes for new discoveries."

SEAN P. COLGAN, PROFESSOR

"...I contributed to a space launch—an opportunity few people get."

KATIE GOODRICH, GRADUATE STUDENT, ASTROPHYSICAL AND PLANETARY SCIENCES

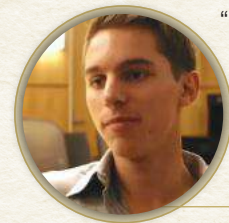


"...I found stability in my life, even while raising my daughter as a single parent and putting myself through school."

DAVID JORGENS ('13), FLYING SOLO SCHOLAR

"...I have a pride in myself I don't think I've ever felt before."

SHAE THOMAS, KPWE SCHOLAR



"...I was able to immerse myself in a multi-cultural society, and gain something while giving back."

STEVEN GUERRA, GLOBAL INITIATIVES PARTICIPANT



"...I'm working on developing agents for the diagnosis and therapy of metastatic cancers. This is the dream for me. This is the dream for my daughter."

DESIREE MENDES ('08, '11) KPWE SCHOLAR

"...I feel more confident about my decision to pursue public interest law..."

JESSICA MENDOZA ('13), FAEGRE BAKER DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



"...today, I am cancer-free."

MIKE LANDESS, TELEVISION NEWS ANCHOR



"...our city is seeded with bright, motivated business leaders who help make Denver one of the most attractive cities for growing businesses."

JOHN HICKENLOOPER, COLORADO GOVERNOR



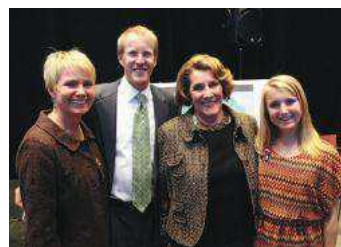
A Timeline of Highlights *Creating Futures* : July 1, 2006-Sept. 30, 2013

2011 *continued*

August: J. Wayne Hutchens retires after nearly six years as CU Foundation president and CEO.

August: The new home for the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is dedicated, thanks to \$11 million from the ALSAM Foundation.

October: *Creating Futures* private support exceeds \$1 billion.



November: The Lane Center for Academic Health Sciences (to anchor a major UCCS expansion starting in 2014) is introduced with \$4 million from Margot Lane and her family foundation.

2012



January: First class held in the new six-story home of the CU Denver Business School, fueled by multimillion-dollar gifts from Jake Jabs, J.P. Morgan Chase, Pinnacol Assurance, CoBank, and EnCana, and housing new programs in commodities, global energy management, and risk management and insurance.



Girl Scout children of three CU faculty members, who sold 201 boxes of cookies in 90 minutes.

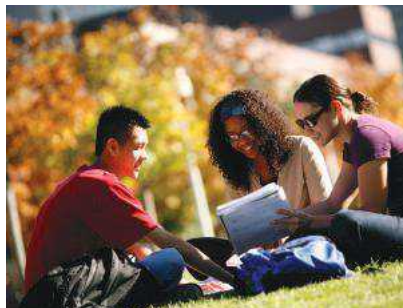
February: Richard W. Lawrence is named CU Foundation president and CEO.

June: The CU Foundation exceeds \$100 million in estate gifts recorded during *Creating Futures*.

...we've got a head start on tomorrow.

Looking beyond *Creating Futures*, we see high-priority efforts gaining momentum at each CU campus. Read below about four initiatives worthy of donor support.

CU Denver boasts resilient and ambitious students, many of whom have overcome substantial challenges to pursue higher education. To help more of these students afford tuition, CU



Denver is launching **"One Thousand More,"** its largest effort ever, to help more students *learn with purpose* without incurring overwhelming debt.



UCCS has seen 31 percent growth in visual and performing arts credits taken since 2003, and a doubling of tenure-track faculty—pushing UCCS's arts facilities beyond their

limits. When the **Visual and Performing Arts Complex** is complete, UCCS's cultural center of gravity (and the region's)—will move toward North Nevada Avenue. The complex will include multiple performance spaces, the Galleries of Contemporary Art, and program space for the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.



Dean Richard Krugman, MD, has been on CU School of Medicine faculty during the tenure of 11 different CU presidents.

Last year his colleagues honored him with (and seeded) the creation of an **endowed dean's chair** to carry his name. A further effort to fully fund the chair will bolster faculty, recruitment, student support, and innovation at the Anschutz Medical Campus.

With 120 Fulbright scholars since 1978, CU-Boulder has long been a top choice for high-achievers. But it has lagged peers in its ability to provide merit scholarships, compelling some top Colorado students to matriculate to out-of-state universities that offer them.

Thanks to the new **Esteemed Scholars**

Program, 20 percent of 2013-14 first-year students received merit aid. Our goal is for donors to fully endow this program.



2013

August: Following the campus's best year ever for private support, CU Denver hosts its first Block Party on Lawrence Street to honor its 40th anniversary.



August: The Fulginiti Pavilion for Bioethics and Humanities opens, thanks to more than \$8 million in gifts honoring building namesakes Shirley and (Chancellor Emeritus) Vincent Fulginiti.

October: CU-Boulder lecturer David Wineland, CU's fifth Nobel, wins the Nobel Prize in Physics.

November: CU's largest estate gift ever, more than \$9.8 million for Cancer Center research, is recorded.

January: A community effort to endow a Center for Women's Health Research chair is complete, led by \$1 million from Judith and Joseph Wagner.



March: In its 17th year, CU-Boulder announces a new \$2 million jazz studies

program endowment thanks to gifts from Jean ('64) and Jack ('64) Thompson.

April: Selected Colorado Law students entering public service law get relief from some loan debt with John Schultz's endowment of the Loan Repayment Assistance Program, honoring late wife and long-time CU staff member Cynthia Schultz.

September: CU reaches the conclusion of *Creating Futures* with more than \$1.521 in private support received.

November: *Creating Futures* conclusion announced at the Denver Art Museum.



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