In 1973, CU Denver became an independent university.

Join us to celebrate the stories of the faculty, staff, and students who paved the road to independence and erected the foundations of this vibrant institution.

The Road to Independence and Beyond

Friday, March 8
9:00am—11:00am
Lawrence Street Center,
Terrace Room

Panelists and Topics will include:

The Early Years: pre-1970s
Jarett Zuboy, Masters student in History

Building an identity in Denver: the Struggle for Resources and Independence
Richard T. Dillon, Emeritus English Professor and former Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and CLAS Associate Dean

The Legislation that Created CU Denver and its Drivers
James B. Wolf, Emeritus Professor of History

The Frontier Hotel and Bar: Early Culture and Camaraderie
Rex Burns, Emeritus Professor of English

Maintaining Independence
Suzanne W. Helburn, Emeritus Professor of Economics, former Associate Dean of the Social Sciences Division

The Early Student Experience
Diane Messamore, Alumna, Mathematical & Statistical Sciences

The Life of a Faculty Member in the Tramway Building
Wesley E. Lemasurier, Emeritus Professor of Geography

Women and People of Color on the Faculty in the 1970s
Jana Everett, Professor of Political Science

Building the Campus and the Move to Auraria
Daniel Fallon, Former CLAS Dean

Pioneering Pedagogy
Joel C. Edelstein, Emeritus Professor of Political Science

The Student Experience on the Auraria Campus
Gordon Hamby, President, Student Government Association

Becoming a Research University
Robert Damrauer, Special Assistant to the Provost, Chemistry Prof.

A light breakfast will be served starting at 8:30AM

Think you know the history of CU Denver... think again!