Consolidation Forms UCDHSC

Something evolutionary has taken place at the University of Colorado at Denver. As of July 1, 2004, CU-Denver consolidated with the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center to form a “new university,” known as the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center (UCDHSC). ● Now, what was formerly CU-Denver is referred to as UCDHSC Downtown Denver Campus; The university’s Health Sciences Center is the UCDHSC Ninth and Colorado and Fitzsimons at Aurora campuses. ● In what Chancellor James Shore calls “an evolution, not a revolution,” two years of research by numerous faculty, staff, administrators, students, community experts and independent consultants came to fruition when the Board of Regents voted unanimously for the change. ● By combining the strengths of our traditional, comprehensive undergraduate and graduate programs in downtown Denver with the research and advanced health programs of the health sciences campus, the University of Colorado has melded apparently separate academic pursuits to create a world-class university with broader scope and greater research potential. ● “This is an extraordinary opportunity for the University of Colorado — one that will open up new collaborations in education, research and community partnerships,” Shore explains. “We already have a vision for what this new university will become.” The first chancellor of the combined campuses, Shore was chancellor of the Health Sciences Center and interim chancellor of CU-Denver following the retirement of Georgia Lesh-Laurie. Having seen the new university to its successful birth, Shore will retire in October.

● Students attending either UCDHSC campus will be positively affected by the consolidation in myriad ways. They will benefit from an expanded curriculum, increased research opportunities and additional programs that combine the health sciences
Understanding the College Opportunity Fund

Last year, the Colorado General Assembly created the College Opportunity Fund (COF) as a new way for the state to provide tax dollar support for higher education beginning in fall 2005. Simply put, it means that money previously appropriated directly to colleges and universities by the state must now be authorized for distribution by the student before the school receives that funding — hence the program’s reference as a “voucher” or “stipend” program.

For students, not only must they understand the parameters of use outlined by COF, but they must also take the time to apply for their voucher — a one-time process — or they will be responsible for their entire tuition bill. Certain parameters of use, like those that state students must be undergraduates and residents of the state of Colorado, are straightforward. Less clear are the parameters specifying the types of study the stipends will fund. For example, voucher funding does not cover many continuing education classes, independent and online learning programs, correspondence courses, study abroad programs, courses in basic skills, courses taken as part of the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Act, high school Fast-Track courses, International Baccalaureate classes, and many professional education programs such as nursing or dental hygiene.

Students can learn whether a COF stipend will apply to a particular course during the online, class registration process. If the class chosen is not eligible for COF funding, the student will receive a warning message and may drop that class if desired. If the class is funded by COF, then the registration process will proceed, and the stipend will be reflected on the tuition and fee statement in a per-credit-hour dollar amount.

Presently, vouchers are set at $80 per eligible credit hour, and each student is entitled to 145 cumulative attempted semester credit hours. This places a lifetime limit on the number of undergraduate credits that will be paid by COF. An additional 30 credit hours can be added after the completion of the bachelor’s degree for further coursework at the undergraduate level, and some waivers may be available to the lifetime limit process if a student is tenacious enough to complete the paperwork.

It’s important to remember that a College Opportunity Fund voucher is not a form of financial aid, nor should it serve as a replacement for other types of student financial aid, including scholarships and federally funded grants, loans and work-study programs.

For additional information on the College Opportunity Fund, or to complete the online COF voucher application, visit the College Access Network (CAN) website: https://cof.college-access.net/cofapp. The College Access Network is the only organization entrusted by the Colorado General Assembly to administer the COF program and distribute funds to a qualifying school at a student’s request. A paper application is available for use at the CAN website as well. Students who do not have a Social Security Number or an Alien Registration number must use the paper application.
New Scholarship Entices Out-of-Staters

As part of its non-resident student recruitment efforts, the Office of Admissions, along with multiple faculty and staff from departments, schools and colleges across campus, invited dozens of the country’s top students to check out the campus and interview for a new scholarship specifically for out-of-state recruits.

The two scholarship weekend events gave university officials the opportunity to get to know prospective students and determine whether they were strong candidates for scholarships and a good fit for the university. It gave students and their families the chance to check out all the advantages of the Downtown Denver Campus, the faculty and the university structure.

Students came from Alaska, Michigan, Hawaii, Kansas, California, Wyoming, Arizona, Kentucky, North Dakota, Washington, New Mexico, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Texas and Utah. The two sessions for non-resident recruits were held in April. Prospective students looking for housing can now go to www.cudenver.edu/housing to check out their options and gain tips moving and signing a lease.

In addition, the Downtown Denver Campus continues to recruit top-quality in-state students. Every spring and fall, the Downtown Denver Campus hosts a highly successful Open House, welcoming more than 1,000 prospective students to campus. This event offers sessions on admissions, financial aid and the College Opportunity Fund. Tours of the campus and a chance to meet one-on-one with faculty are available throughout the day.

Carol Heller, director of Alumni Relations, encourages all alumni, no matter where they live, to help spread the word to students in their area that UCDHSC’s Downtown Denver Campus is an excellent option to advance their education.

For more information on the “Denver Bound” program and the non-resident scholarship, go to http://aboveetheordinary.cudenver.edu/.
Spring 2004 Alumni Award Recipients

**Alumni Appreciation Award**

**Donald G. White** was a non-traditional student at the University of Colorado’s Extension Center in the ’50s and ’60s, before the University of Colorado at Denver became its own campus in 1976. Mr. White hasn’t forgotten the urban campus that helped shape his success. He consistently contributes to the Downtown Denver Campus’ College of Engineering and Applied Science and its students. Mr. White is a member of the advisory board for the College of Engineering’s “Tapping Hidden Talents” program and has personally and financially supported the Senior Design Class for the CU Ground Autonomous Robot (CUGAR) project in electrical engineering. Mr. White is in his second three-year term on the CU Foundation’s Board of Trustees and has created two funds which benefit the Electrical Engineering Department.

**Alumni Legislative Award**

“Education is, and should be, our number one spending priority.” So says Rep. **Tom Plant**, D-Boulder, Clear Creek and Gilpin counties. It is a commitment Mr. Plant has acted on again and again. In his third term as state representative for District 13, he has consistently prioritized education funding. Mr. Plant has been serving in the Colorado House of Representatives since 1998 and currently serves on the Joint Budget Committee and the House Appropriations Committee. He has been a strong supporter of the University of Colorado and higher education for many years. In 2004, with the state facing tight money restrictions and sweeping cuts, Mr. Plant was instrumental in crafting a state budget that provided funding for higher education without any of the expected reductions.

**Alumni Mack Easton Award**

**James L. Basey** is the embodiment of perpetual motion, always looking for new opportunities and better ways to help others. The University of Colorado has long been a beneficiary of his generosity and dedication. A founding member of the Bard Center for Entrepreneurship Development Leadership Council, Mr. Basey endowed a computer lab at the center in 1996. He joined The Business School Advisory Board that same year, and participated in the Consolidation Study Committee this past year. He joined the University of Colorado Foundation Board of Trustees in 2003. In May 2002, Mr. Basey was honored by the University of Colorado Board of Regents with a Distinguished Service Award, and he received the first James V. Geller Humanitarian Award from the CU Cancer Center in May 1998.

**Alumni Recognition Award**

**Richard von Lahrte** and his company, RNL Design, are dedicated to keeping things moving—be it community-wide transit systems or a Currigan Hall build-out proposed by the University of Colorado at Denver’s College of Architecture and Planning (CAP). Mr. von Lahrte helped lead the Advisory Board’s New Facility Fund Committee by soliciting private donations on behalf of the college’s dream of building a new facility. He was instrumental in securing more than $600,000 in pledged donations for the project and led fund-raising efforts by providing the college with a lead gift on behalf of RNL Design. In addition to heading both the advocacy and planning process, Mr. von Lahrte donated a substantial gift-in-kind of a consulting feasibility study for acquiring and building out Currigan Hall for CAP.

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*Did you know...* There are more than 53,000 UC Denver Campus alumni worldwide.

*Representative Plant and CU President Elizabeth Hoffman*
Spring 2005 Alumni Award Recipients

Alumni Appreciation Award

Ginny Williams knows how to raise a ruckus. She’s been doing it since the fund-raiser was taken over by the Alumni Association nine years ago, and is even credited with naming the event the Rock Bottom Ruckus. She is a top performer in securing high-value auction items, donations, and interest in the event, which benefits all Downtown Denver Campus scholarships, including the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Ms. Williams, co-owner of Peter Webb Public Relations and president of the Alumni Association (2001-2002), has worked diligently for nearly a decade in supporting and promoting all alumni events, as well as the “Back on Campus” activities. With Ms. Williams' continued involvement, the success of these programs has helped elevate the Alumni Association to a level of prominence within the University of Colorado system, the metro area community as a whole, and alumni associations throughout the nation.

Alumni Leadership Award

Ms. Guthrie’s leadership that the 11-Month MBA Class of 2004 was able to visit the company’s facilities in the United Kingdom and experience firsthand its marketing, human resources, management and finance operations. The Coors international study was a pilot program from which The Business School has been able to engage other large companies to coordinate comparable programs.

Ginny Guthrie knows the value of leadership and the importance of sharing knowledge. As chief information officer at Coors Brewing Co., she has ensured the next generation of business leaders is in tune with the latest advancements and innovations. The Business School at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center is grateful for her generosity. Among her many contributions, Ms. Guthrie has been a member of The Business School’s Board of Advisors, focusing on development and fund-raising efforts for nearly four years. It was through Ms. Guthrie’s leadership that the 11-Month MBA Class of 2004 was able to visit the company’s facilities in the United Kingdom and experience firsthand its marketing, human resources, management and finance operations. The Coors international study was a pilot program from which The Business School has been able to engage other large companies to coordinate comparable programs.

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Thomas Lamming is a tireless advocate for the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center. In fact, he’s been a catalyst in the consolidation process, acting as a pro bono consultant to the chancellor and his leadership team. Recently retired from Accenture, Mr. Lamming spearheaded an initiative to involve influential business leaders in contributing to and defining the advantages of combining the campuses, and has garnered their short- and long-term support. The business leader task force he chairs generates ideas for increasing the status and stature of UCDHSC and enables the institution to respond to the needs of the business community. Mr. Lamming has represented The Business School around the globe to foster and fuel international connections for the MBA program. He is also developing a Center for eXcelence Organizations (CxO), which will deliver tailored education and applied research to corporate clients based on their specific needs.

Alumni Recognition Award

Alf Stecklein has been back-stage helping to orchestrate alumni events and supporting alumni activities. She has been the cornerstone for the Downtown Denver Campus Alumni Association, beginning as a volunteer in 1989. She was instrumental in the development of many Alumni Association programs, often from their inception. Ms. Williams has served on the CU Foundation Board of Directors, chaired several alumni committees, and held many positions including president of the Alumni Association (1999-2000). She is deeply committed to the Alumni Scholarship Fund and her tireless efforts are shown through her work with the student recipients and the Rock Bottom Ruckus. Along with her husband, John, they find reward in contributing financial support, time, and auction items to this annual fund-raiser.
Alumni Notes

Shimail Daud Arain, MBA 2003, consults in the healthcare industry, teaches MBA and MPH classes, and owns and manages a 40-bed acute healthcare facility in his home country of Pakistan.

Randall Bowden, MA Communication & Theatre 1990, is the associate dean of the School of Continuing Education at Saint Leo University. Bowden recently published his first novel, Chasing Echoes.

Daphne Burleson, Mechanical Engineering, is the author of the book Space Programs: All Exploration and Research Efforts Outside the United States.

Joanne Carr, MPA 1993, PhD Public Administration 1996, is the senior vice president for University Advancement at James Madison University.

Barbara Cooper, MA Administration & Supervision & Curriculum Development 1995, is the principal of Hallett Academy in Denver Public Schools. Cooper was also a member of the team that developed the new “pay-for-performance” plan for DPS teachers, which bases teacher pay on the improved achievement of their students.

Grady Cope, BS Mechanical Engineering 1988, was elected president of the Rocky Mountain Tooling and Machining Association. Cope is owner and president of Reata Engineering & Machine Works Inc. in Englewood, Colo.

Kris M. Dobson, BS Biology 2002, volunteers for the Bennett Fire/Rescue Department and is in the process of applying to medical schools.

Jan Duncan, MBA 1991, is manager of Education Operations for the Society of Certified Senior Advisors, an educational organization that offers a certification program to professionals who serve seniors.

Margaret Gordon, MPA 1983, is currently director of the Colorado Lottery.

Lauri Blake Harrison, MS Marketing 1992, launched her second company, PeakUniques.com in April 2003. Proceeds from this online boutique will be donated to Damis Foundation, benefiting Colorado teen cancer research.

Elizabeth Hausler, MS Environmental Sciences 1995, was chosen one of the “best emerging social entrepreneurs” in 2004 by Echoing Green. As a winner of the Echoing Green Fellowship, Hausler received $60,000 over two years to create Earthquake Resistant Houses, an organization that promotes and implements the construction of low-cost, earthquake-resistant houses.

Kimberly Hendrix, BA Political Science 1997, received her MPA degree from Arizona State University in December 2003.

Josh Huber, BA Political Science 1998, was recently appointed loan officer for the Rural Community Assistance Corporation.

Marie Hueston, BS Marketing 1987, is the owner of Family Flex, Inc., a full-service early education center that offers quality care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers during the week and children through age 12 on evenings and weekends. Family Flex is located near downtown Denver.

R. Scott Hubirt, MBA 2001, is the sole owner of Just Glasses, a full-service optical retail store located in Lakewood, Colo.

Janet Kaczkos, MA Communication & Theatre 1993, was named administrator and corporate communications director for Hospice for Utah in late 2003.


Anne Kilstofte, BS Music & Media 1979, is currently a music composition professor at Hamline University. Kilstofte has been named a Fulbright Scholar to study the effects of communism and post-communism on the music of Estonia.

Amarit Kisorawong, BS Civil Engineering 1981, currently works for the Royal Thai Army as chief engineer.

Brian R. Klipp, BS Architecture 1973, was elected to the AIA College of Fellows. Klipp is the founding principal of Denver firm klipp, and worked on notable projects including the Hyatt Denver Convention Center Hotel and the Denver Central Library.

Deborah Komisarek, BS Business Administration/Accounting 1988, had an original fiber art tapestry piece accepted for a juried show at Denver International Airport. Her fiber art was one of 177 pieces accepted for the show, “From Our Hands: A Fiber Art Show and Educational Exhibit.”

Bence Kovacs, March 1999, co-owns the gallery DG Studio, Inc., which had their first gallery opening in November 2004.

Jeffrey Lawler, BS Biology & Chemistry 1998, graduated from Western University with his doctorate of osteopathy degree.

Mark Loeb, MURP 1986, is currently director of residential development for Forest City Stapleton, Inc. The Stapleton project, located east of Downtown Denver, is the nation’s largest urban redevelopment.

Jay Martin, MPA 1996, was named director of technology services at Phillip Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. Martin was previously the chief information officer at Loyola Marymount University.

Patrick McCarty, MBA 1994, was promoted to executive vice president of military affairs at Pioneer Financial Services, Inc., located in Kansas City, Mo.

Jane Morrison, MS Business 1995, was appointed to the Colorado Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness. Morrison is president and CEO of Morrison Consulting, Inc., providing consultation to technology companies regarding growth and success.

Lisa Narter, BA Psychology 1998, MBA 2001, is the regional director of strategic marketing at SNEI, an environmental consulting firm.

Anja Norman, BS Business Administration 1994, earned an MBA from the Netherlands Institute of MBA Studies and is currently working for the U.S. Department of Commerce in Frankfurt, Germany, as a commercial specialist for laboratory scientific instrumentation.

Fran Osterberg, BA Psychology 1981, MA Educational Psychology 1988, is currently interim assistant dean and director of admissions and student services at UC Denver’s Health Sciences Center campus.

Keith Rademacher, MPA 1992, and William E. Stegeman, BA Chemistry 1979, were honored with the ASTM International Award of Merit, which includes the title of Fellow. Rademacher is currently a principal health and safety specialist at Tetra Technical, Inc., and Stegeman is a research and development information manager for Degussa Construction Systems Americas in Shapoke, Minn.

Geri Reinardy, MPA 1983, is director of public affairs for National Jewish Medical and Research Center. Reinardy was the former chief public information officer for the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and vice president of the Colorado Student Obligation Bond Authority.

Mike Shaw, BS Music 2004, won the student recording competition in the jazz/folk category at the AES International Convention. This competition is for audio projects created by students from universities and recording schools. The original piece, Green Eyed Blues Case by Paul Musso, was recorded live at the King Center Recital Hall during a concert.

Lee Shenefelt, MBA 1979, is currently the controller for the state of Colorado. Shenefelt previously served as controller for the Department of Labor and Employment.

Scott J. M. Souart, BS Civil Engineering 1999, is currently a project manager in the Denver office of Klippenberg, an employee-owned firm providing engineering, technical and management solutions.

Jean L. Mestres Sulc, MURP 1976, was nominated as one of five South Carolina Republican Women of the Year, and is currently a member of the Citizens Advisory Board, Savannah River Site (a nuclear materials production plant in Aiken, S.C.).

Kelly Williams, MS Finance 1992, owns a Portland, Oregon-based consulting firm specializing in strategy and tactics for new IT initiatives. Williams is a past president of the U.S. Women’s Chamber of Commerce in Oregon.

John Youngquist, MA Administration Supervision Curriculum Development 1995, was appointed area superintendent for the northwest quadrant for Denver Public Schools.

IN MEMORIAM

Gary D. Bickham, MPA 1978, died Nov. 4, 2003

Jeanne M. Chapin, MA Instructional Technology 1993, died Oct. 10, 2002

George K. Davis, MS Civil Engineering 2001 (posthumously), died May 24, 2000

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- Selecting alumni award recipients
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- Planning and implementing CU Back on Campus and special events
- Assisting with **CU on the Horizon** and other alumni publications
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- Selecting scholarship recipients
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**Heads Up!**

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