HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

PUMPKINPALOOZA

- PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST -
The Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) organized an agency-wide pumpkin decorating contest for the first time this year. Each AHEC department worked together as a team to transform their pumpkin in a creative way.

A special shout out goes to the Facilities Services Grounds Crew for converting the porch of the Executive Office into an amazing fall landscape to display the pumpkins.

Teams reported to the ERC how much they enjoyed the creative outlet and opportunity to do something fun with their colleagues. The ERC plans to make Pumpkinpalooza an annual tradition.

PUMPKIN ENTRIES

The teams had only four days to transform their pumpkins into masterpieces. Contest entries ranged from spooky creatures to etchings, food/beverage items to traditional jack-o'-lanterns, and painted subjects to a diorama.

View All Pumpkins »

JUDGING PROCESS
Last Friday morning, judging took place at the Executive Office on 9th Street Park. Department teams gathered to watch as the judges evaluated the pumpkins.

AHEC executive staff—Blaine Nickeson, Bill Mummert, Barb Weiske, and Jeff Stamper (along with Maxwell the dog)—judged the entries for the **Best Pumpkin** award.
The Auraria Early Learning Center kindergartners made a field trip to the Executive Office to vote on the entries for the Kids' Choice award.
Kids' Choice Award: Human Resources

"Catacombs Cinema"

Complete with individual bags of popcorn for the judges to enjoy
Best Pumpkin Award: Tivoli Starbucks
"Pumpkin Spice Latte"

Both department winners received a special pumpkin trophy, "One Auraria" SWAG, coffee and pastries donated by Tivoli Starbucks, oodles of Halloween candy, and of course, bragging rights.

No entry went home empty handed. Every pumpkin received an honorable mention certificate, including CEO's Choice, Most Creative, Most Detailed Design, Best Traditional, Most Unique, among many others.