An Amazing Opportunity

The Auraria Board of Directors (ABOD) annually adopts goals for the Auraria Campus which are designed to enhance the campus community, amenities, academic opportunities, development, and revenue potential. A recent goal generated the concept of the “Tivoli Entertainment Multiplex.” The Multiplex is envisioned as a series of venues that will offer opportunities to the institutions and their students, add to campus life, and programmatically and physically enhance the Tivoli, all while generating revenues to support the campus. The components of the Multiplex will work together to create dynamic synergy and tri-institutional involvement in this important shared facility.

Planned for the former Tivoli theater space, a nearly 12,000-square-foot Conference Center will be developed in the upper level, providing much-needed capacity for a variety of events and activities. The lower theater level is slated to become the CU Denver Film Center for an exciting combination of academic and public productions. Taking advantage of the theater layout, the area will be an educational learning lab where students are trained in a true-to-life setting. Not unlike the performances at the King Center, community patrons will be able to buy tickets to watch student productions, attend international festivals, and enjoy other film-oriented events.

A tap room and microbrewery, planned for the current coffee area and boiler room lounge in the main Tivoli tower, is built upon the concept of brewing beer in the original historic location. The Tap Room will be open to all campus and community patrons, with daily...
breakfast, lunch, and dinner offerings. Students will be welcome to study and watch the beer production process through clear glass walls, or simply relax outside on the revitalized patio.

The commercial lease for the tap room & brewery will be with a private party, and the potential operator is committed to partnering on tri-institutional academic prospects. For example, in conjunction with a training and research center for MSU Denver, which is envisioned for the current cabaret level, the academic program would have the opportunity to engage curriculum around the beer industry, with potential courses on recipe development, business operations, production, distribution, and food and beer pairing menus. A certification program in Beer Industry Welding has also been planned with CCD, where their students can learn and observe on-site, as well as have future employment prospects for welding at other breweries throughout the state.

All of these endeavors will generate significant ongoing revenue for the Tivoli Student Facilities Bond Fund, while injecting nearly $7 million of new investment into the building. Combine that with reality-based educational programs, and you have a unique venture that merges public and private opportunities for success!

Be sure to watch for this exciting initiative as it evolves!

Barb Weiske
Executive Vice President for Administration
Agency Chief Executive Officer

CAMPUS NEWS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

CCD Thinks Big With Strategic Planning

Near the end of the fall semester, the new President of CCD, Dr. Everette Freeman, charged the college with developing a strategic plan to help them better serve the changing needs of their students and the larger Denver community. He tapped two faculty members, Sara Pangle, Chair of Math, and Stephen Thomas, Chair of English, to guide the effort.

Pangle and Thomas led a series of internal focus groups for individuals within the college, including faculty, staff, administrators, and students, to collect ideas and feedback. They also held brainstorming and visioning sessions with external constituents, including Auraria Campus representatives, business and community leaders, and students and administrators from Denver Public Schools.

After synthesizing and evaluating the focus group feedback, and after several additional rounds of input and discussion, they arrived at a final set of five-year goals and priorities for the strategic plan.

April 30
Performance Evaluations
The performance evaluation cycle for classified and non-classified employees ended on March 31st. Final evaluations for 2013-14 along with 2014-15 plans are due to Human Resources no later than 5 p.m. on April 30th, 2014. Form available here » www.ahec.edu/forms-publications

Submit via email » performance@ahec.edu

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Sherri Feldt
Communications Supervisor,
Auraria Campus
Police Department

Sherri Feldt didn’t set out for a career in law enforcement. In 1999, she was attending school for architectural design when a life-changing event happened, redirecting her priorities and career interests. While waiting outside of the school to take an assessment test, an intoxicated man approached her. Frightened of him, Feldt began to run. The man chased her until she ran directly through a glass door. Thankfully, law enforcement captured the assailant and Feldt recovered from the terrifying experience. And, as a result, Feldt’s new career path was set.

After that experience, Feldt immediately started working on
“A strategic plan is meant to be a shared vision of where we want to be as a college – a set of goals and objectives that we are striving toward together to guide our decisions and give us a sense of common purpose and direction,” said Thomas.

The final plan outlines major target areas that relate to student learning and success; organizational integration and effectiveness; external engagement and partnerships; and promoting a culture of evidence, transparency, and shared information. Dr. Freeman’s desire for the college is to “think big” so that the strategic plan will have the potential to be transformative for the institution.

METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

New Student-Run Restaurant Now Serving Lunch

The Metropolitan Grill, a restaurant run by students of the Hospitality, Tourism, and Events Department for MSU Denver, opened in February in the Hospitality Learning Center. Offering another delicious and affordable option for lunch on campus, the Metropolitan Grill serves a variety of salads and sandwiches Monday through Wednesday with a higher-end, three-course offering on Thursdays. The menus rotate every three to four weeks.

The restaurant is designed to give hospitality majors direct, hands-on experience in food production and service. The menus are specially created and prepared by the students under the supervision of chef instructors.

Hours: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Location: Hospitality Learning Center (Room 101)

Learn more » www.msudenver.edu/hospitality/themetropolitangrill

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

Academic Building Recognized for being a Gateway to the City

In its “Best of Denver 2014” edition, Westword named the Academic Building under construction at the intersection of Speer Boulevard and Larimer an associate’s degree in criminal justice, graduating in 1996 and continuing on to the Police Academy in 2001. She began working for the Auraria Campus Police Department in 2005 as a guard, and eventually moved into a dispatch role on the graveyard shift so she could attend classes during the day. She earned a bachelor’s degree in criminology from MSU Denver six years ago.

Felt was named the Interim Communications Supervisor for the ACPD in June 2013, and became the permanent Communications Supervisor in November 2013.

Although the dispatch office keeps Feldt very busy when she’s on campus, she enjoys spending downtime with her husband, Scott, who is a master sergeant stationed in Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. Recently married, they are preparing to move to Castle Rock to split their commuting distance. Feldt also has three daughters: Krista (21), Emily (16), and Jayden (11). As a family, they have fun taking road trips and spending time in the mountains.

5 Questions for Sherri

1. Before working for AHEC, what is the most interesting or unusual job you’ve had?

When I was 13, I worked for a family friend planting seedlings in a greenhouse for $3.00/hour.

2. If you could choose any period of history to live, when would it be and why?

1700-1800s Old West – they had to work hard for everything they had.

3. What is a tool you use for work that you couldn’t live without?

I couldn’t live without computers, my dispatch software, and maps.
Humble Heroes

Street “Best New Building in Denver.” The building drew praise for its design touches and for connecting the Auraria Campus with downtown Denver.

The building was designed by Anderson Mason Dale Architects, which employs several architects who graduated from the College of Architecture and Planning at CU Denver. The main contractor on the 156,400-square-foot building is Saunders Construction. Jordan Dame, a Saunders employee who worked on the proposal phase of the Academic Building project, is also a CU Denver alumnus.

CU Denver’s Senior Institutional Planner Cary Weatherford said the building’s exterior palette incorporates the red brick that is prominent across the Auraria Campus, but also features limestone and aluminum panels that are unique to the campus.

The Academic Building will be open and operational for the fall semester, and will also feature the popular and well-known food vendor, Qdoba.

Grounds Crew Prepares Campus for Spring

The Auraria Campus grounds crew works diligently behind the scenes to ensure a well-kept and inviting environment around campus. Sometimes arriving as early as 4:00 am – no matter if the temperature is 20 below or 110 degrees – and almost always on the weekends, this crew of 12 is responsible for all 150 acres of the campus. With commencement right around the corner, the crew is currently making the tricky transition from cold weather maintenance to spring landscaping.

The process starts in November, with the cultivation of exotic plants in an on-campus greenhouse. For the rest of the year, the crew cycles through daily tasks involving land prep, seeding, fertilizing, mowing, and maintenance of any and everything green. By May, the campus will be full of foliage and the sports fields will be primed for commencement ceremonies.

4. If you could travel anywhere in the world for a week, where would you go?

I have always wanted to travel to Bora Bora.

5. What do you enjoy most about your job and working for AHEC?

I enjoy everyone I work with. AHEC is a great community, and I appreciate coming to work everyday.

Calendar

April 22, 2014
E-Waste Recycling
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tivoli Square

April 23-24, 2014
Spring Fling
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

April 28, 2014
Sustainability Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tivoli Commons

April 30, 2014

May 15, 2014
CCD Commencement
Off-campus, University of Denver
Magness Arena

May 17, 2014
CU Denver Commencement
Auraria Athletic Fields by the Tivoli Student Union

May 18, 2014
MSU Denver Commencement
Auraria Athletic Fields by the Tivoli Student Union
However, their work doesn’t stop with landscaping. The grounds crew members also clean entryways, remove graffiti from walls, fix degraded concrete, empty cigarette trays, and collect trash and recycling. For the crew, it’s about keeping people safe, providing stellar customer service, and of course, making the campus beautiful.

Auraria Campus E-Waste Recycling Event
in honor of Earth Day

Free Electronics Recycling
FOR YOUR PERSONAL ELECTRONICS FROM HOME (not state equipment)

Tuesday, April 22nd
10am to 2pm | Tivoli Square

To view the drop-off map and a list of acceptable items go to:

www.sustainableauraria.org/events