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One Auraria
Harmony

We often speak of the importance of the “One Auraria” concept and its philosophical meaning. Simply put, it means we are one team that functions in unity. We own every problem. We help each other in achieving our collective goal to support the campus community. And we revel together in our success because we would never be able to achieve it alone. We are the “One Auraria” team.

AHEC is like a quality clock. Every cog is unique and doesn’t function alone. We come together in our individual roles to create a finely tuned operation. It is this harmony that I proudly witnessed on May 12th when the AHEC team worked together to support the CU Denver graduation on the Tivoli Quad. We provided an outstanding experience for everyone involved at this important annual event.

The team managed the entire backstage experience, including:
• Drying 12,000 wet chairs
• Assisting thousands of vehicles with parking
• Shuttling family and friends to and from parking lots
• Planning discreet safety operations
• Providing information and directions to guests
• Cleaning and setting up for multiple college receptions
• Providing food, beverages, and merchandise for graduates and proud family members (and those of us who needed caffeine)
• Repelling off the Tivoli to hang massive banners
• And much, much more!

HR INSIGHT

Adam Roybal and Thomas Whiteley from the Human Resources Office are excited to announce the implementation of EVERFI, an online training platform.

EVERFI is a self-paced digital education solution that will be used to provide training to AHEC employees. Topics include compliance, ethics, workplace violence prevention, bullying prevention, anti-harassment, drugs and alcohol at work, as well as code of conduct training.

Rollout of these courses will begin in June; stay tuned for more information and details.
CAMPUS NEWS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF DENVER

New President for Colorado Community College System

Former Lt. Governor Joe Garcia, J.D. has been named the next President of the Colorado Community College System (CCCS). Garcia brings demonstrated leadership and commitment to advancing higher education initiatives and access through various roles in both the public sector and higher education.

With a focus on increasing equity in outcomes for all students, Garcia has served as President of Pikes Peak Community College and President of Colorado State University-Pueblo. He was a cabinet member for former Governor Roy Romer, as well as a White House appointee under President Bill Clinton. In addition, he served as partner at the Denver-based law firm of Holme Roberts & Owen, where he focused on public education law.

Russell Meyer, Chair of the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education, called Garcia the ideal person to lead the Colorado Community College System into the next stage of its history.

“I could not be more pleased with this decision,” said Dr. Meyer. “Joe Garcia has demonstrated throughout his distinguished career the type of strong, effective, and transformational leadership that will ensure CCCS has a worthy successor to Dr. Nancy J. McCallin.”

Garcia will join CCCS in July.

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Barb Weiske
Chief Executive Officer

The team effort not only resulted in a successful day, but we had fun in the process—a true demonstration of a “One Auraria” accomplishment!

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Building Renamed as Tribute to President Emeritus Jordan

For more than 12 years, the Jordan name was synonymous with student success at MSU Denver. A year ago at the Summer Soiree—an annual fundraising gala for the university—a surprise announcement was made to rename the flagship student space to the Jordan Student Success Building, in honor of President Emeritus Stephen Jordan.

On May 4th, the official naming ceremony was held in the courtyard of the building. President Emeritus Jordan and his wife Ruthie, along with the university community, celebrated the unveiling of the new name. The flagship building will always represent the tremendous impact that Jordan had on the university for generations of Roadrunners to come.

“This is a fitting tribute to a leader who has dedicated so much of his life to ensuring that students have a better future,” said Michelle Lucero, chair of the MSU Denver Board of Trustees. “From this day forward, when people talk about this building, and when students make good use of it, the name Jordan will always be paired with the words ‘student success,’ and that’s as it should be.”

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

When Beacham isn’t working, he enjoys visiting various “mom and pop” restaurants that serve everything from Chinese and Mexican to sushi and soul food. As long as the food is authentic and isn’t from a chain, he’s happy. He also takes great joy in lifelong learning; he earned a master’s in business administration in 2005 and a master’s in theology in 2015.

FAVORITE PLACE VISITED
A mission trip to Cancun, Mexico where I helped with handiwork projects at orphanages and widows’ homes.

FUN FACT
I love to watch old detective shows, such as Kojak, Columbo, and Perry Mason.

BEVERAGE OF CHOICE
I’m a huge coffee drinker, and I love vanilla shakes.

FAVORITE HOLIDAY
Christmas—I love giving to people and making them happy.

INFLUENTIAL PERSON I’D LIKE TO MEET
One day I would like to meet President Obama and simply ask him how his life has changed after being President of the United States.

NEW HIRES
Discover colleagues who have recently joined the “One Auraria” community.

ACCOUNTING
Jacqueta Evans
Accountant I
Carolyn Lee
Accountant II
Matt Rivera
Controller

AURARIA CAMPUS POLICE
Alyssa Archuleta
Dispatcher
Benfactors Hold Grand Visions for CU Denver

Longtime CU Denver supporters Don and Maria Johnson hold big visions for the university and its College of Architecture and Planning (CAP). The couple, with the Dr. C.W. Bixler Family Foundation, recently pledged $12 million, CU Denver’s largest-ever estate gift. Passionate about making the world a better place, the Johnsons said supporting education is an ideal way to do that.

“I’ve told several people around the university that we want to make CU Denver the ‘Princeton by the Platte,’” said architect Don Johnson, as he looked toward the Platte River through the window of CAP Dean Nan Ellin’s office.

The gift will be divided into three student-focused areas: $4 million to scholarships; $4 million to international programs; and $4 million to experiential learning.

The Johnsons’ desire to give back to CAP is tied to a singular vision: making the program a recognized leader. “CAP is uniquely positioned in its location in the middle of the country, in a vibrant, growing city, to sit at the front table,” Johnson said.

CAP can become a leader by asking the larger questions of why, Ellin said. Why are cities being designed and built in the way they are? What does that mean for water? What does it mean for transportation, public space, energy, and equity?

Added Maria Johnson, “We just want to create a better future for the kids.”

‘ONE AURARIA’ NEWS

HUMBLE HEROES

Employee Recognition Committee

The Employee Recognition Committee (ERC) is comprised of nine energetic representatives from across the agency who are champions of the “One Auraria” spirit. They’re dedicated to creating experiences and opportunities to celebrate the ways AHEC staff “Make an Impact” on campus.

Led by Executive Programs Manager and Assistant to the CEO Ariel Redell, the committee organizes traditional events like Winterfest and the summer BBQ, and has started introducing some new programs, including a
student-focused awards celebration in April, as well as a hot cocoa treat event in March. They’re planning some additional appreciation activities for summer and fall, and are hoping to add some new elements to the traditional events to keep them exciting and engaging.

Please contact any of the committee members with your feedback about current and future recognition ideas; they’ll appreciate hearing from you.

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Lena Price—Parking & Transportation Services
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Staff enjoy connecting with one another at the hot cocoa event. From left: Jeff Stamper, Barb Weiske, Ariel Redell, Eleeza Palmer, Shannon Fluckey, Kristen Morrison, and Emily Nelson.

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Structural Trades Shout Out

Earlier this spring, the Structural Trades team in Facilities Services built an accessible desk for Douglas Howey, a Physics Department Lab Assistant for MSU Denver. The team exhibited the “Delight Our Customers” Guiding Principle, ensuring that the desk they crafted would make it possible for Howey to perform his job without the hurdles he once had to manage.

Watch the video Howey shared to thank the team (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pL50BI12T_w)