REFLECTIONS FROM 9TH

Planning is Infinite

Every 10 years, a master plan for the campus is developed and submitted to the Colorado Department of Higher Education (CDHE). We completed a master plan in 2007 and orchestrated an update in 2012 that was not mandated by CDHE, but was essential to expanding the institutional neighborhood concept and moving our collective development opportunities forward. Subsequently, 2017 rolled around, and our 10-year requirement meant that it was already time to do it again.

As with all of our planning endeavors, we embraced the prospect of advancing the plan further, as our environment has continued to evolve. The new plan includes our many significant achievements realized in the short time since we last went through the planning process. Like many of our endeavors, the plan represents the efforts of many. Most importantly, for the first time, the three institutions also engaged in creating their own neighborhood plans, which served to inform and then be incorporated into the overall Auraria Campus plan.

The outcome of this collaboration is the most comprehensive master plan yet. We have built upon our principles and have encompassed a growing sense of community in how we plan for our connections, neighborhoods, and transit. The shared core continues to be the glue between the conceptual neighborhoods, and the plan highlights access with a nod toward the forthcoming 5280 Loop (an extended bicycle and pedestrian network), the Denver Moves Transit Plan.

HR INSIGHT

DID YOU KNOW?

Wellness Fair
November 2 | 7–11 a.m.
Tivoli Turnhalle

Our annual Wellness Fair is around the corner! With a goal of keeping employees healthy, we’re lining up a variety of vendors and tons of information to share with all classified and non-classified staff who attend.

There will be free health screenings, as well as low-cost services available, such as bone density and lung function tests. A few services require an RSVP or are on a first-come, first-served basis. Please keep an eye out for the announcement and the registration website once it’s available.

Questions
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The first day of the semester is always busy for the Auraria Campus, but with the bonus feature of the solar eclipse, campus was even more active than usual. Every green space was filled by students, faculty, and staff closely watching the progression of the moon. Community College of Denver hosted a special observation event for its community, working in partnership with NASA, to be named an official viewing location in Denver.

Associate Professor of Astronomy and Physics Steffanie Peterson organized the event in the Confluence Courtyard. She provided two telescopes along with instruction for individuals wishing to see the eclipse in closer view. CCD also provided certified viewing glasses, which were a hot commodity that day on campus.

Barb Weiske
Chief Executive Officer

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BBQ

On August 4th, AHEC staff had the opportunity to relax and enjoy time with colleagues over a wonderful catered meal at the annual summer BBQ. It's always a highlight of the year, which the Employee Recognition Committee takes pleasure in organizing.


AHEC TRAINING PROGRAM

Professional Development Program Kicks Off With Multi-Generational Trainings

After a survey of AHEC staff last spring, the Training & Development Committee discovered that AHEC employees are interested in a wide range of professional development opportunities. This summer, the committee organized the first training for the program by offering two workshops on multiple generations in the workplace.

Led by Associate Director of the CU Denver Career Center Jessie
President Davidson Hits the Ground Running

The ninth president of MSU Denver, Janine Davidson, Ph.D. is a compelling leader with extensive experience guiding large and complex organizations. She became president on July 24th and has already hit the ground running.

Prior to joining MSU Denver, Davidson served as the 32nd undersecretary of the United States Navy, where she managed all Department of the Navy affairs, including Navy and Marine Corps integration, acquisition, finance, personnel, legislative affairs, research, and development. In that role, she was responsible for the health and well-being of nearly 900,000 sailors, marines, civilians, and their families.

Davidson has nearly 30 years of experience in military operations, national security policy, and academic research. As an analyst and academic, Davidson was a senior fellow for defense policy at the Council on Foreign Relations, where she is a lifetime member. She has taught national security policy and political science at Georgetown University, George Mason University, and Davidson College.

She holds a master’s degree and doctorate from the University of South Carolina, as well as a bachelor’s of science degree in architectural engineering from the University of Colorado Boulder. She was a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Squadron Officer School and was the first woman to fly the Air Force’s tactical C-130.

Roller, Ed.D, LPC, the goal of the trainings were to improve staff understanding and awareness of their colleagues, and learn how generational preference influences work style.

Nearly 80 employees participated, learning what generational preference is, why it’s important, and how to best approach work in a multi-generational environment.

The next round of training opportunities will be delivered in multiple formats to meet the range of needs and schedules of agency staff. An email notice will be sent this fall to register for an AHEC-specific CPR/AED/First Aid workshop. In addition, HR is organizing a training on the nuts and bolts of supervising (for more information, contact anna.lynch@ahec.edu). Later this fall, a few online compliance trainings will be rolled out to agency employees; information on those is forthcoming.

Enroll Your Child at the Auraria Early Learning Center

Preschool spots, ages 3–4, are still available at the Auraria Early Learning Center. The preschool program provides a variety of stimulating activities in a discovery-oriented, language-rich environment that enhances social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and creative skills in preparation for kindergarten. Young preschool
Emmanuel Art Gallery Hosts Jann Haworth

The Emmanuel Art Gallery at CU Denver is exhibiting work by the internationally acclaimed pop artist Jann Haworth. Haworth is best-known as the co-creator of the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band album cover, which Rolling Stone magazine named the most important album cover of all time.

As a pioneer of “soft sculptures” in the early 1960s, Haworth is known as an artist who pushes boundaries and assumptions. As a revolutionary in the pop art movement, Haworth was one of the few practicing and recognized women artists in 1960s London. She purposely created her art from materials with domestic associations, such as fabric, thread, and buttons, to address and question preconceived notions about women in art and more broadly women’s roles in society.

“We are thrilled to have Jann Haworth at the Emmanuel Art Gallery as the kick-off to our new contemporary art exhibition program at CU Denver this year,” says gallery Director and Curator Jeff Lambson.

Haworth has exhibited her art at significant museums around the world, including the Smithsonian, Royal Academy, Walker Art Center, Tate, and many others. Her artwork will be on exhibit at the Emmanuel Gallery through November 11th.

‘ONE AURARIA’ NEWS

HUMBLE HEROES

AHEC Volunteers Make an Impact on Students

An annual tradition, the Auraria Welcomes program occurs the first two days of every fall semester. AHEC staff volunteer their time by helping direct students who have questions about classroom and building locations; types of food vendors on campus; where their institution’s registrar’s office is located; where to park, get an ID, or find a microwave; among many others.

Having three unique institutions share one campus can create a little confusion for new students, but the Auraria Welcomes team is on hand all day, both days (7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.), stationed at eight key points on campus, to help students navigate Auraria.

With radios at each location, volunteers contact staff who are stationed in classroom scheduling to look up classes, or they can also reach “headquarters” to get general help on questions they might not be able to answer.

In June, Purchasing Agent and P-Card Administrator John Daly earned his certification in public procurement from the Universal Public Procurement Certification Council. The CPPB credentials signify that the designated individual has reached a specific level of education and experience, and has also demonstrated an established level of knowledge necessary to competently perform the work of a public procurement officer or buyer.

NEW HIRES & RETIREES

Discover colleagues who have recently joined the “One Auraria” community, and recognize those colleagues who have retired.

NEW HIRES

AURARIA CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT
Cassandra Blanchard
Officer
The Auraria Welcomes volunteers are dedicated to the “Make an Impact” Guiding Principle. This year alone, nearly 50 volunteers assisted more than 7,300 students over the course of the two days.

Auraria Welcomes is a prime example of “One Auraria,” where AHEC staff from all functional department areas across the agency participate at some level. A crew sets up the tents and tables; cart drivers deliver water, maps, and other supplies to the stations; others help build the resource binders for the tents; and the tent volunteers include individuals from almost every department, including Event Services, Facilities Services, Business Services, Integrated Marketing & Communications, Human Resources, the Early Learning Center, Student Facility Services, Emergency Preparedness, Campus Planning, Procurement Services, the Media Center, and the King Center.

The Auraria Welcomes program is a wonderful reminder of AHEC’s support role in helping the campus institutions achieve their goals.

**STAFF SPOTLIGHT**

**Carl Meese**
Senior Campus Planner

Born and raised in the small Colorado town of Manitou Springs, Carl Meese grew up a math whiz with a goal of becoming a plastic surgeon. Although he earned a full-ride scholarship to the Colorado School of Mines, he decided instead to move far away from his sleepy Colorado town to vibrant New York City.

He started out as a pre-med student at New York University, but after a registration snafu one semester, he was dis-enrolled from his science classes. With experiencing 9/11 firsthand, his priorities had changed, and he decided that the snafu was a blessing in disguise; he was ready to change his career focus.

Meese enrolled in an architecture course that semester and fell in love with urban planning. He ended up graduating with a degree in urban design, which he followed up with a master’s degree in the same concentration from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Meese has been with AHEC for nine years now. As Senior Campus Planner, he enjoys seeing how his work has a direct effect on campus. A model of the “Delight Our Customers” Guiding Principle, Meese says he appreciates knowing that he’s helped create a better place for students to learn. He loves the diversity of projects, as well as the diversity of his work stakeholders—students, faculty, staff, and the Denver community.
When asked what he likes the most about AHEC, Meese says he is grateful for his wonderful colleagues; that a balance of working hard and living well is not only supported, but part of the culture; and that he gets to work on the same campus as his husband Sam, who is the chef for the Early Learning Center. Meese and his husband commute to work together with their six-month-old puppy Diego, and enjoy their lunch breaks together on 9th Street Park (as long as Diego isn’t chasing rabbits).

**FAVORITE FOOD**
Vietnamese (as spicy as possible)

**HOBBIES**
Traveling, board games, and playing his vintage Nintendo

**MUSIC**
His husband Sam is a vinyl record DJ, so he enjoys most music, especially jazz, hip hop, and rock.

**INFLUENTIAL PERSON HE’D LIKE TO MEET**
Anthony Bordain

**FAVORITE HOLIDAY**
Thanksgiving (because Sam is a chef!)

### CALENDAR & REMINDERS

**October 31, 2017**
Mid-year classified staff performance evaluations due

**November 1–30, 2017**
Benefits open enrollment for non-classified staff

**November 2, 2017**
Wellness Fair

**November 9, 2017**
Campus Safe Night

**November 20–26, 2017**
Fall Break (no classes, campus open)

**November 23, 2017**
Thanksgiving Holiday (campus closed)